

# BIOMECHANICS

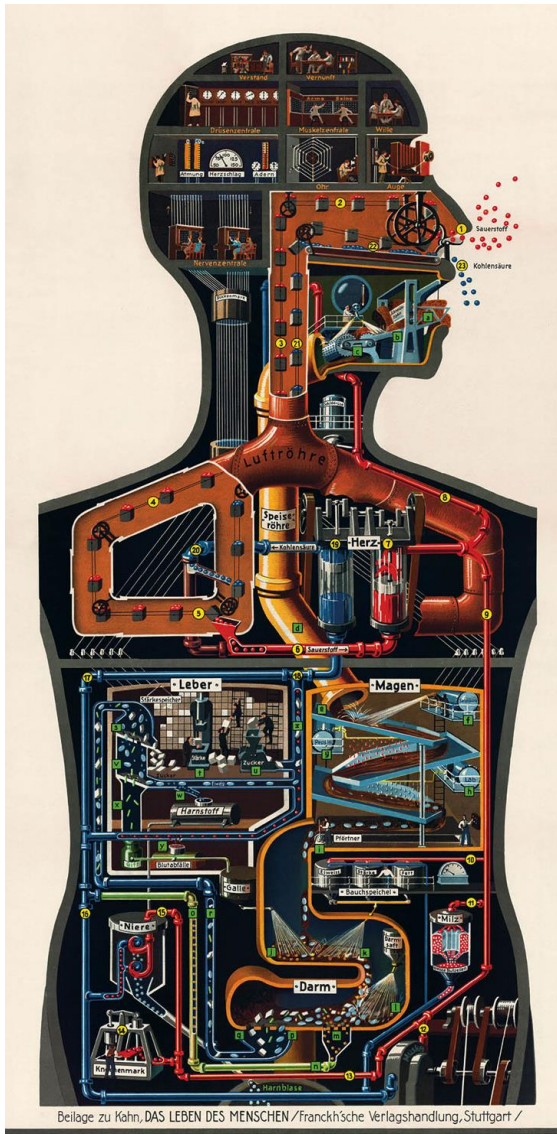
## 3: Tissue and Joint Mechanics

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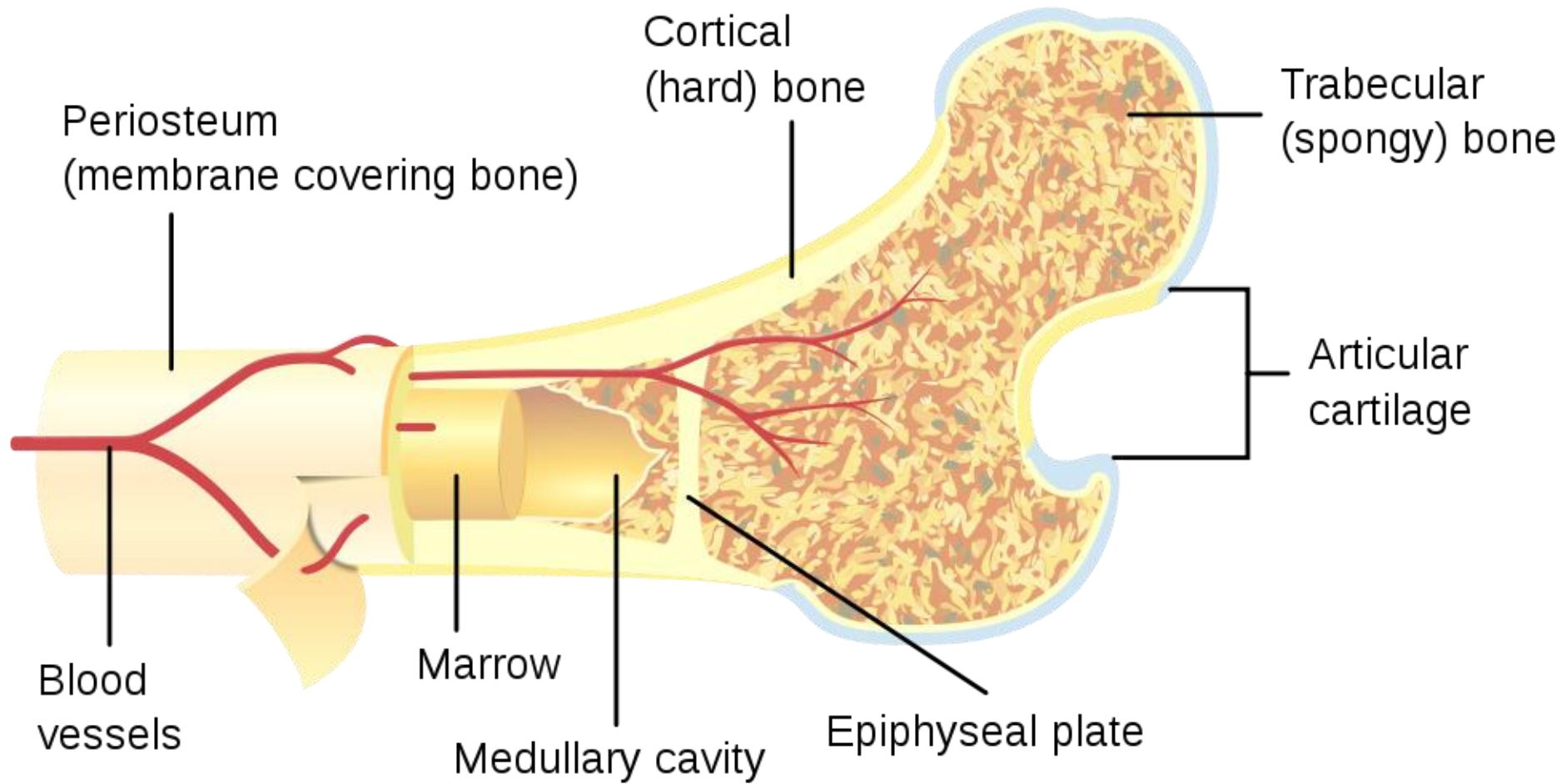
Fritz Kahn (1888 – 1968)

# Content

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- Tissue mechanics
  - Bone/Cartilage/Muscle/Tendon
- Joint Mechanics (Hip/Knee/Spine)
  - Anatomy
  - Physiology and Mechanics
  - Pathologies and Therapies (Devices)

# Bone (Long bone)



Function : Movement of joints and stability (stiffness)

# Bone Types

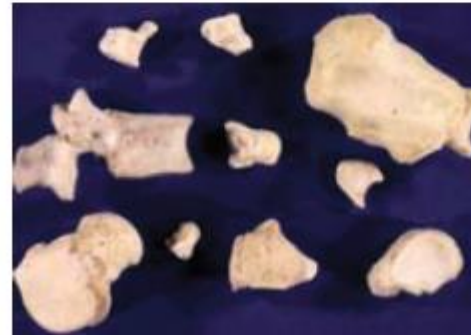
Long bones - extremities



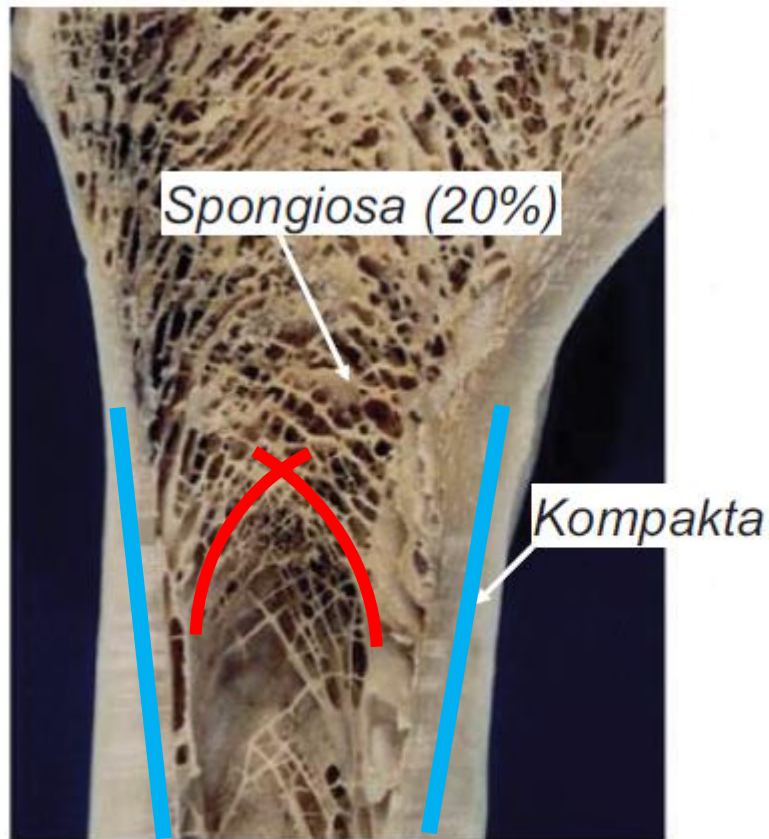
Flat bones – skull, hip



Short bones – spine, fingers



# Structural properties



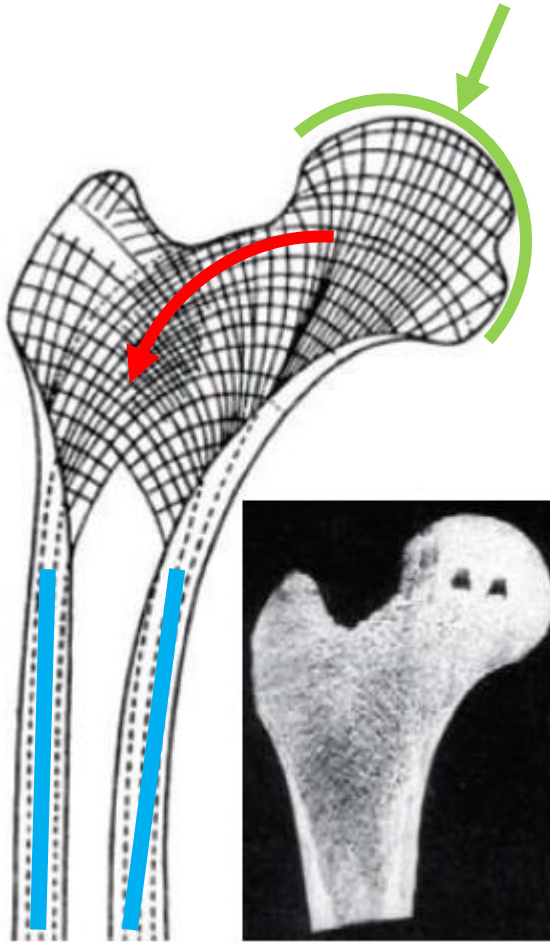
Thin compact layer

Arc like structures of trabeculae



Thickening of bone head

# Occurring mechanics cause structure



High bending stiffness and low weight:  
**Dense outer layer and porous inside**

Force absorption at contact surfaces  
+ big difference in compression stiffness  
between bone and cartilage (130 MPa vs 35 MPa):  
**Development of epiphysis**

Force translation through bone  
**Development of trabeculae  
orientated in the principal stress directions**



# Modeling & Remodeling

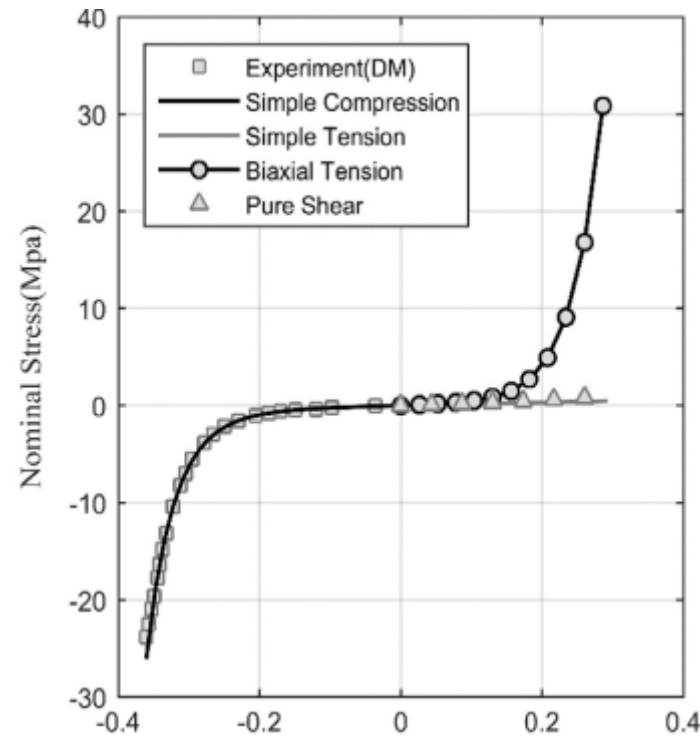
- Wolff's Law (Modeling) : “Bone adapts to the load under which it is placed”



- Remodeling : Change of bone components without change of shape. E.g. after trauma

# Mechanical properties of bone

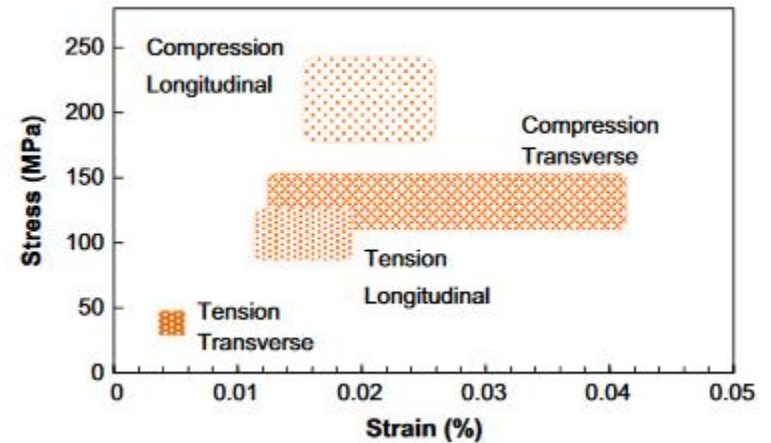
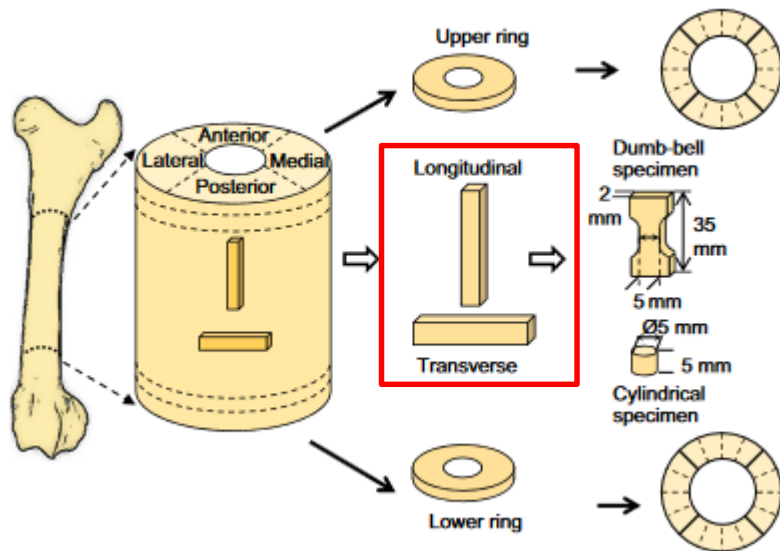
- Non-elastic (hyperelastic) behavior



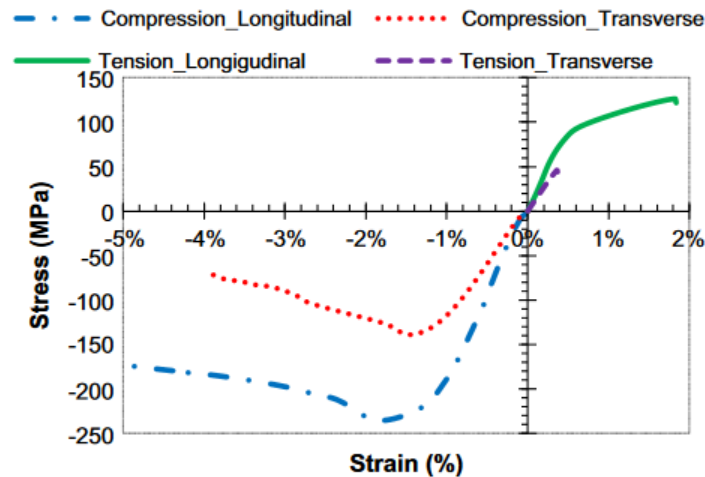
Hosseinzadeh, M. et al. 2016



# Anisotropy of cortical bone



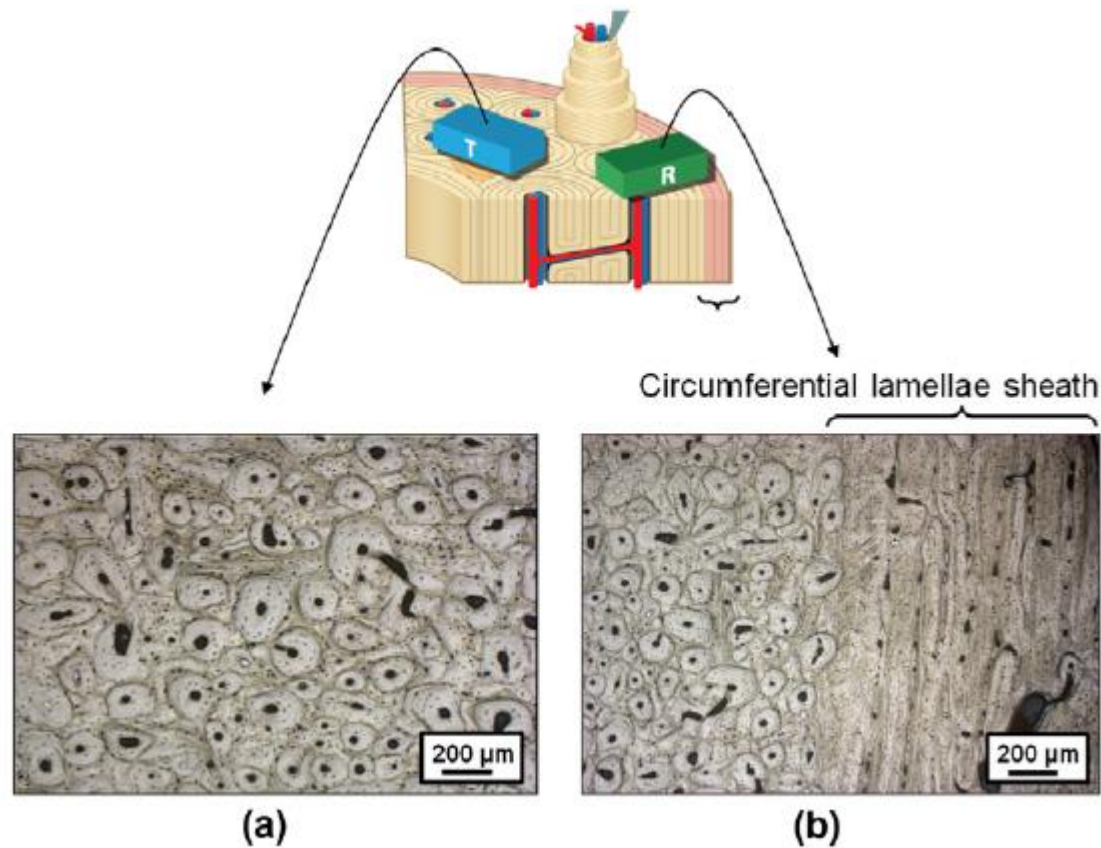
Failure regions after ultimate compression tests



Different stress-strain behaviour

Li et al.2013

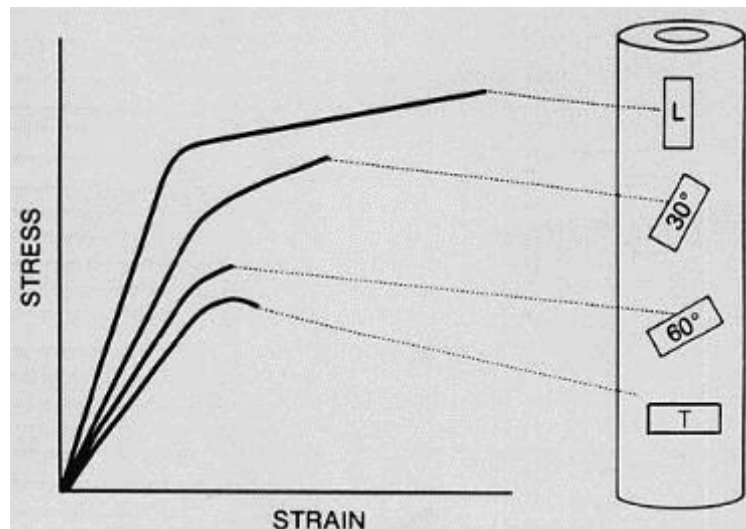
# Microstructure in radial and transverse direction



Novitskaya et al.2011

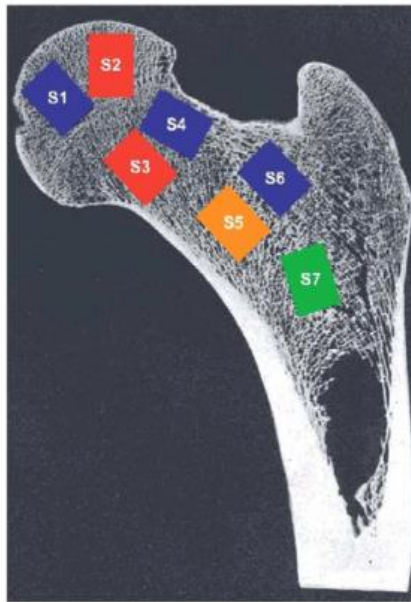
# Mechanical properties of cortical bone

- Anisotropy
  - Young's modulus in longitudinal direction 17 GPa
  - Young's modulus in transversal direction 11 GPa

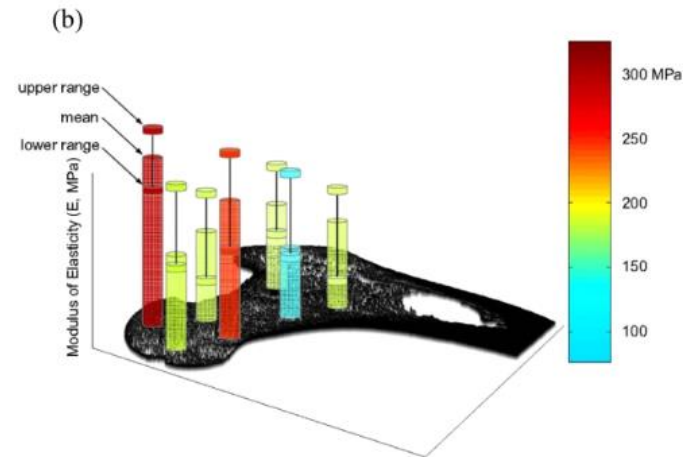


**FIG. 12-8** Anisotropic behavior of cortical bone specimens machined from a human femoral shaft and tested in tension. The orientation of load application—longitudinal (*L*), tilted 30° with respect to the bone axis, tilted 60°, and transverse (*T*)—strongly influences both the stiffness and the ultimate strength. (Frankel VH, Nordin M: Basic Biomechanics of the Skeletal System, p. 22. Philadelphia, Lea & Febiger, 1980)

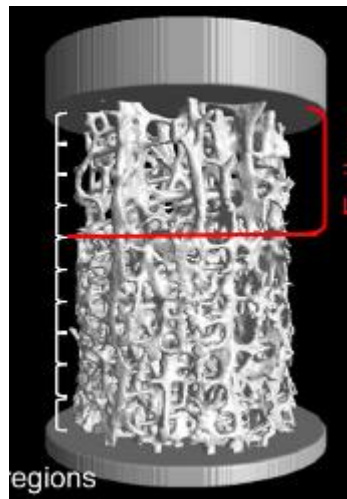
# Mechanical properties of spongiosa (trabecular bone)



Oftadeh et al.2015



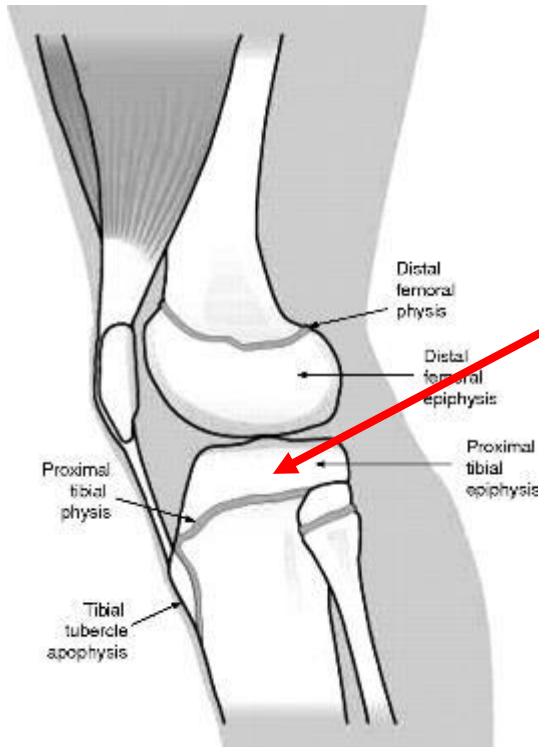
Foam like structure with mechanical properties dependent on sample location



μCT scan



# Isotropic or anisotropic?



## Properties and an Anisotropic Model of Cancellous Bone From the Proximal Tibial Epiphysis

J. L. Williams

J. L. Lewis

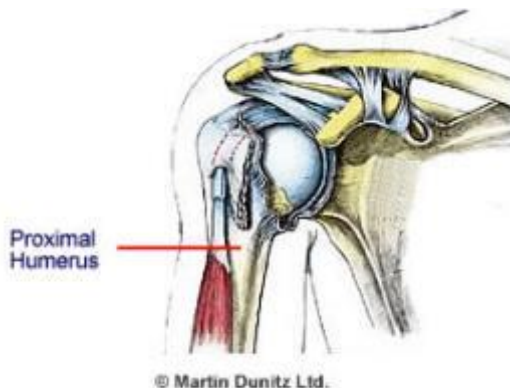
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An investigation has been made of the source and magnitude of anisotropic material properties of cancellous bone in the proximal epiphysis of the human tibia. Results are reported for stiffness measurements made in three orthogonal directions on 21 cubes of cancellous bone before testing to failure along one of the three principal axes. The structure is approximately transversely isotropic. Strength and stiffness are linear with area fraction for loading along the isotropic axis. Strength is proportional to stiffness for all directions. A finite element model is proposed, based on experimental observations, which enables one to predict the elastic constants of cylindrically structured cancellous bone in the tibia from morphological measurements in the transverse plane.

Williams et al .1982

Cube no.	$E_1$ (MN/m <sup>2</sup> )	$E_2$ (MN/m <sup>2</sup> )	$E_3$ (MN/m <sup>2</sup> )
Plate-rod cubes			
PR 1	41.7	22.6	279.9
PR 2	95.1	74.5	457.8
PR 3	130.3	47.1	213.7
PR 4	79.3	36.2	373.0
PR 5	32.2	34.9	265.4
PR 6	47.9	20.2	244.1
PR 7	58.1	17.0	193.0
PR 8	43.7	13.2	203.4
PR 9	58.7	9.0	363.3
PR 10	41.0	10.4	123.4

10x



From this part of the bone Kaplan et al.1985 found isotropic behavior of bone 7.6+/-2.2 MPa (tensile strength) and 12.4+/-3.4 MPa (compression strength)

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# Summary anisotropy/isotropy spongiosa



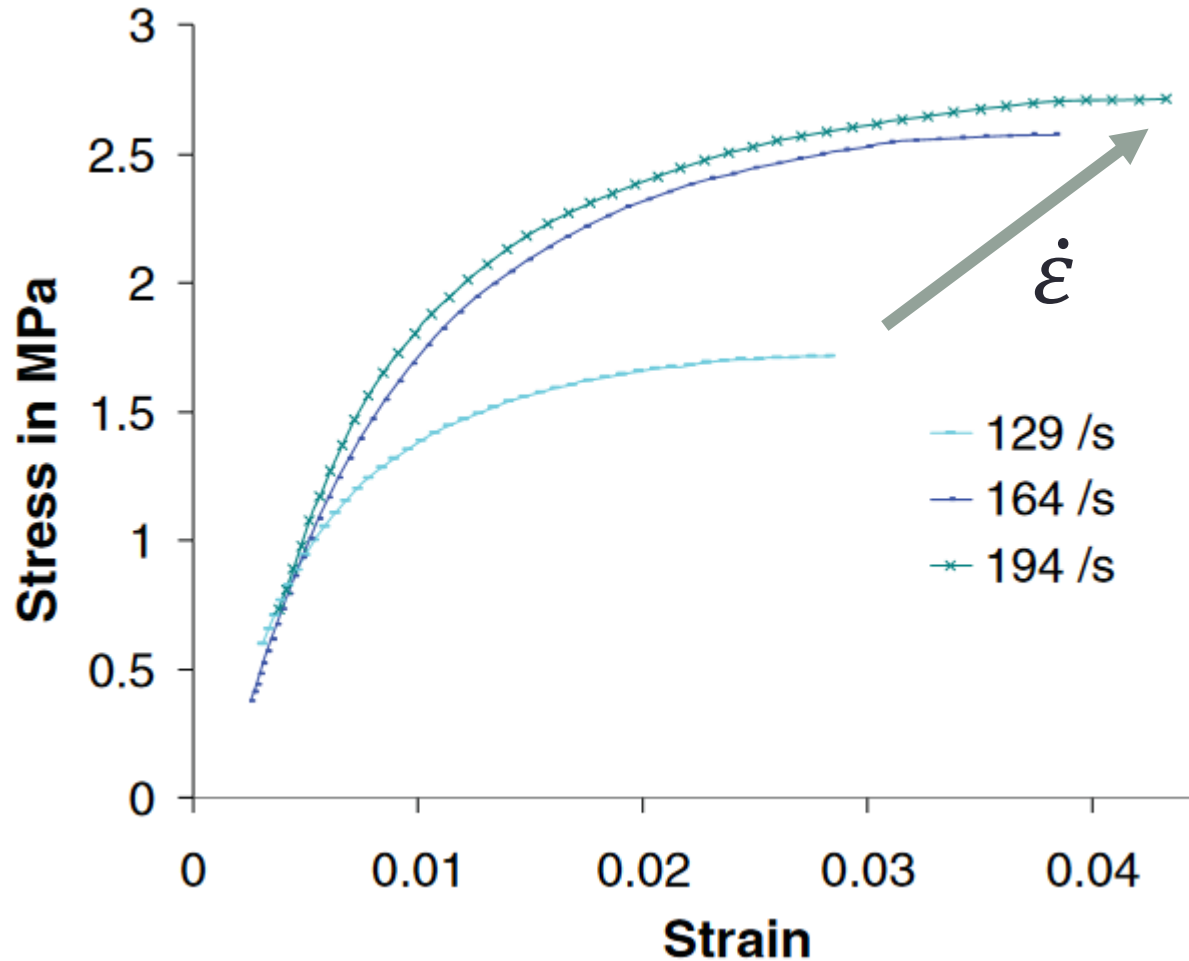
Force uptake and translation



Force distribution

# Mechanical properties of bone

- Viscoelasticity: stress depends on strain rate

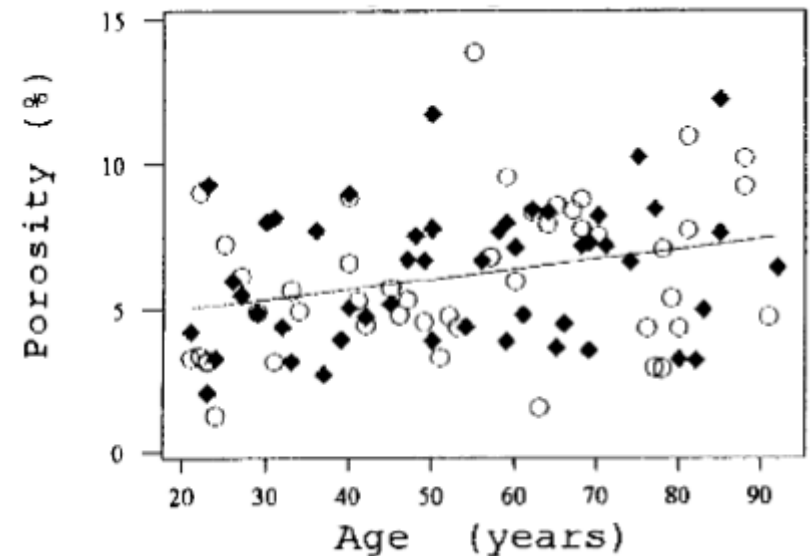
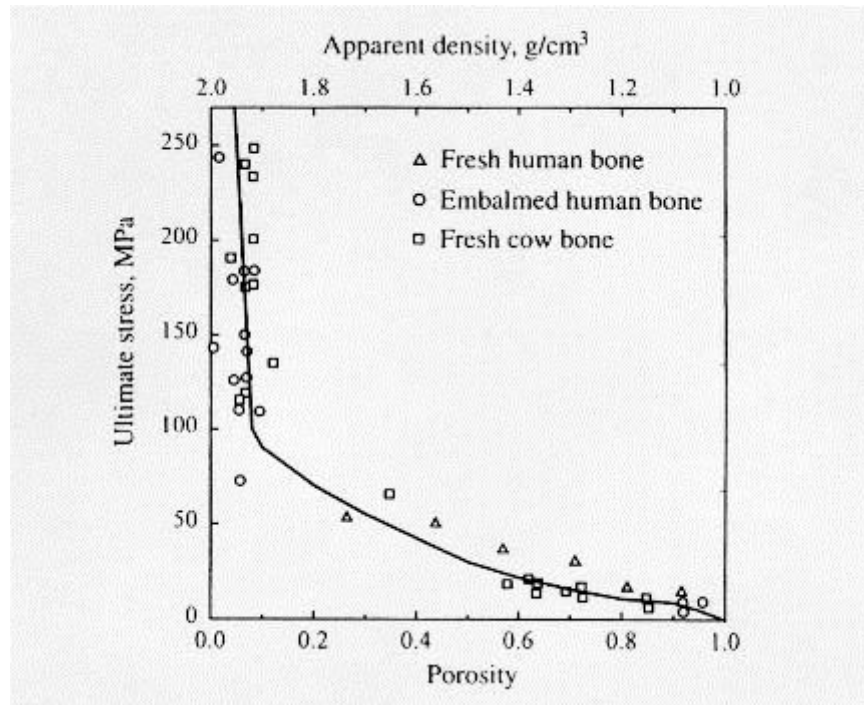


Kranthi Teja et al. 2013



# Mechanical properties of bone

- Ultimate stress decreases with porosity, porosity increases with age



Stein et al. 1999

Transmitted Light Image before Staining



pores in cortical bone slices of 96-year old woman

Mirzaali et al.2015

# Questions?

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# Cartilage

## **Hyaline cartilage**

Covers joints (**articular cartilage**)

Ribs, nose...

## **Elastic cartilage**

Ears

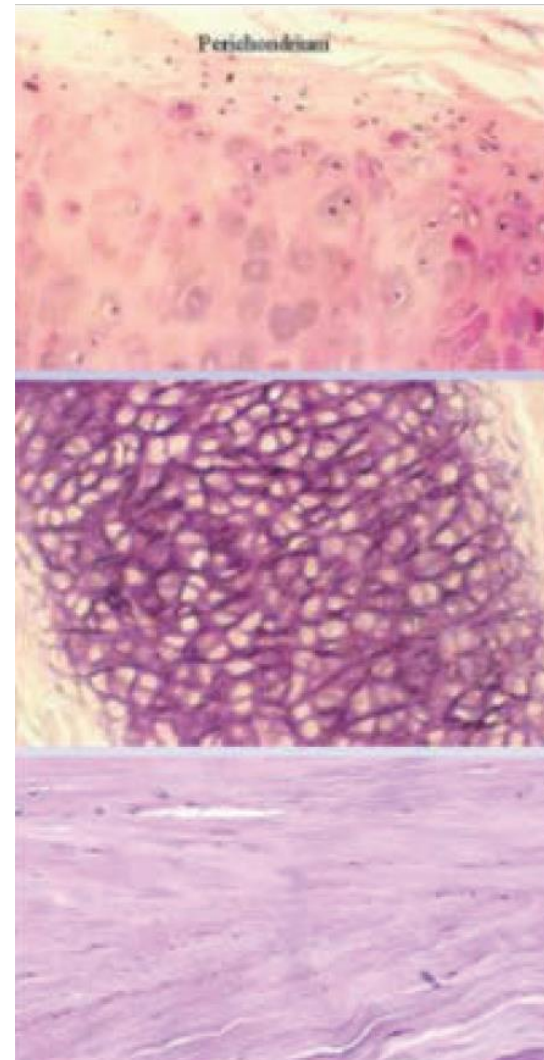
Larynx

## **Fibrocartilage**

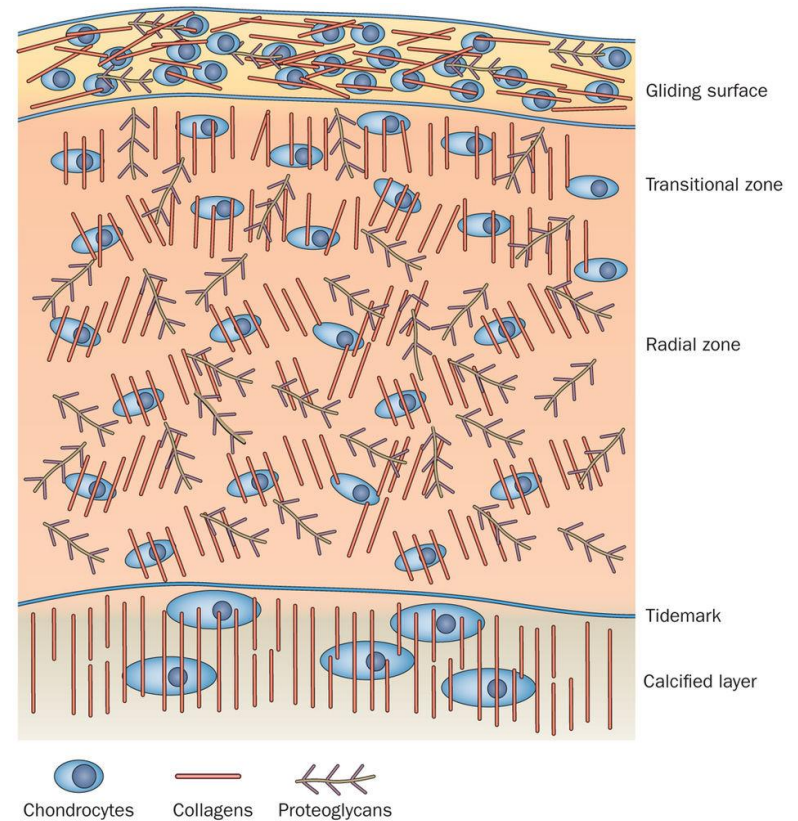
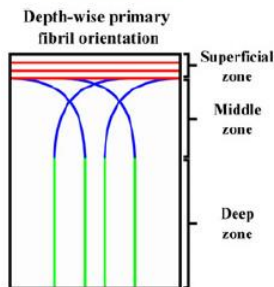
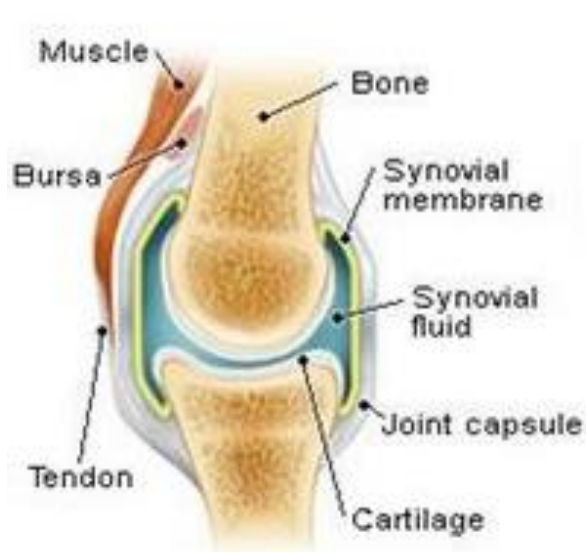
Intervertebral discs

Menisci

Function (articular cartilage): Allow joint movement by providing a low-friction environment



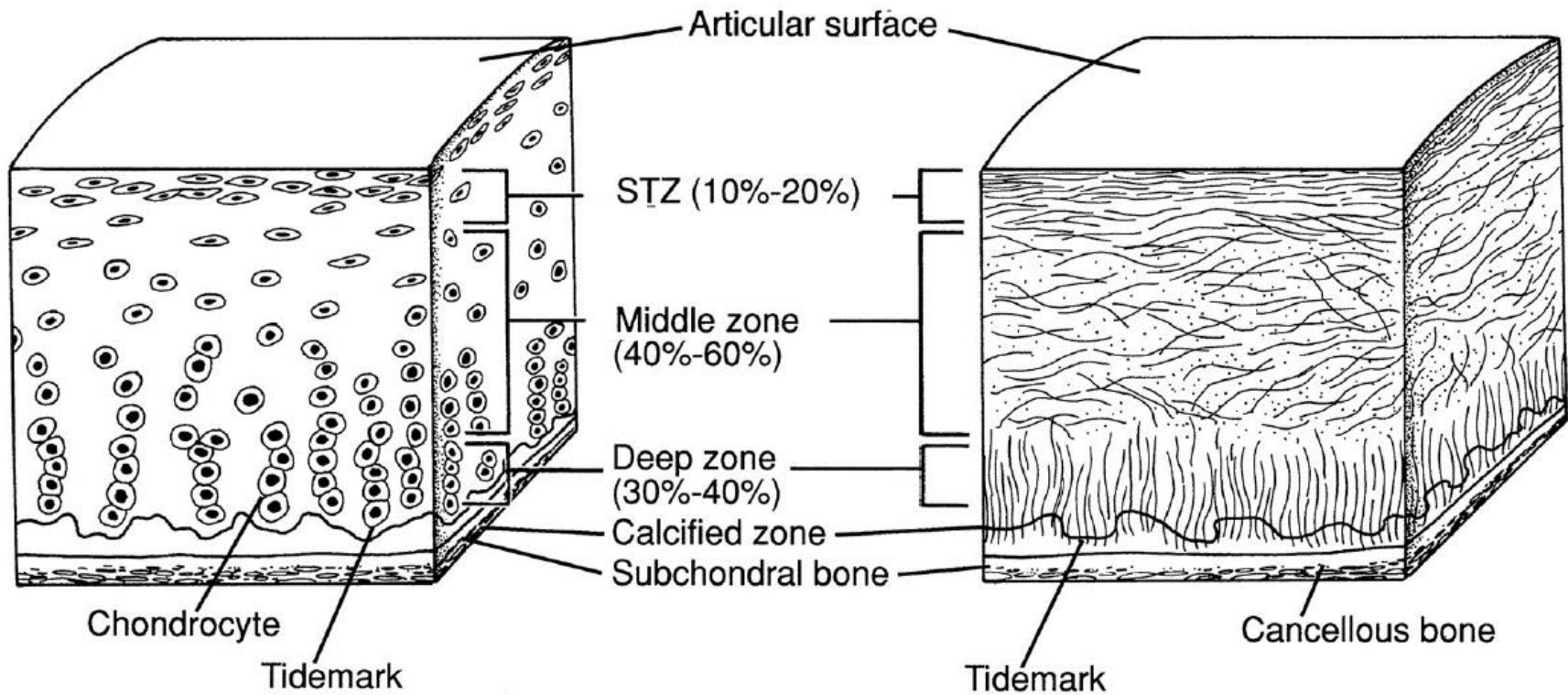
# Articular cartilage



Extracellular matrix (collagens and proteoglycans) : structural support element  
Chondrocyte: Cartilage cells that synthesize and maintain ECM  
**Cell communication and intracellular signaling is of crucial importance!**  
**(Systems biology & Biomechanics in parallel)**

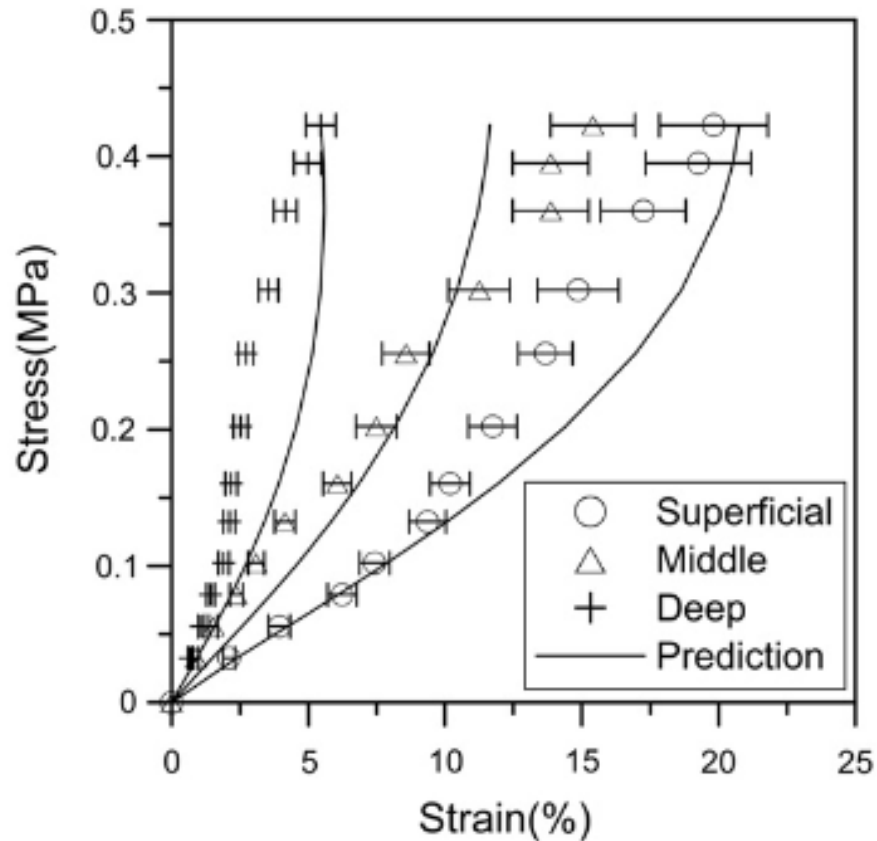


# Articular cartilage



# Mechanical properties of cartilage

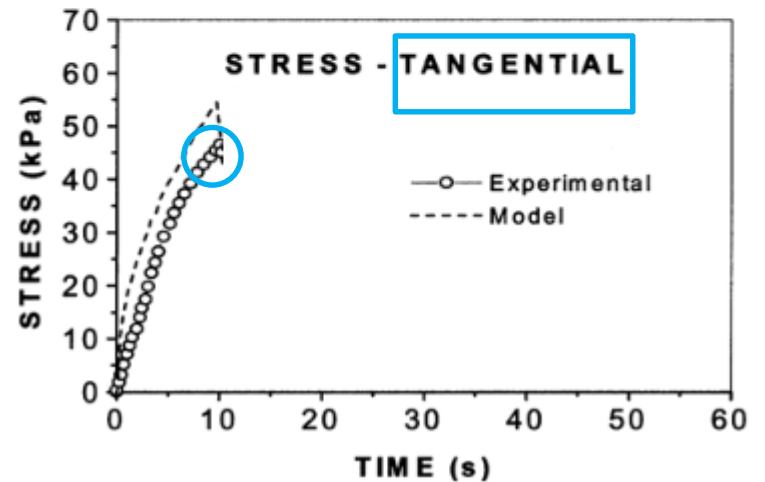
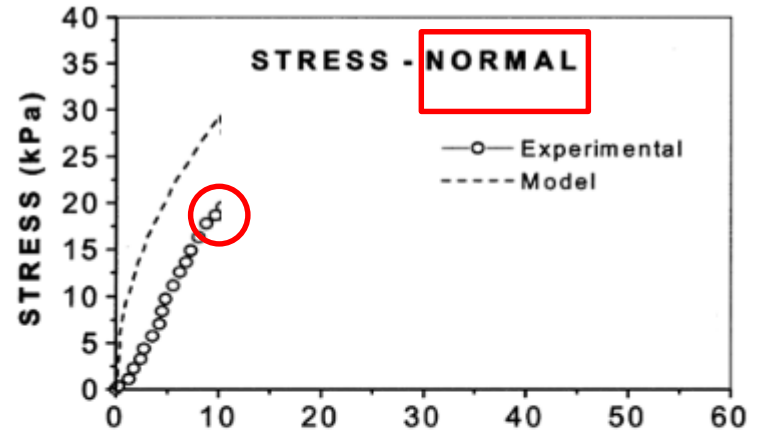
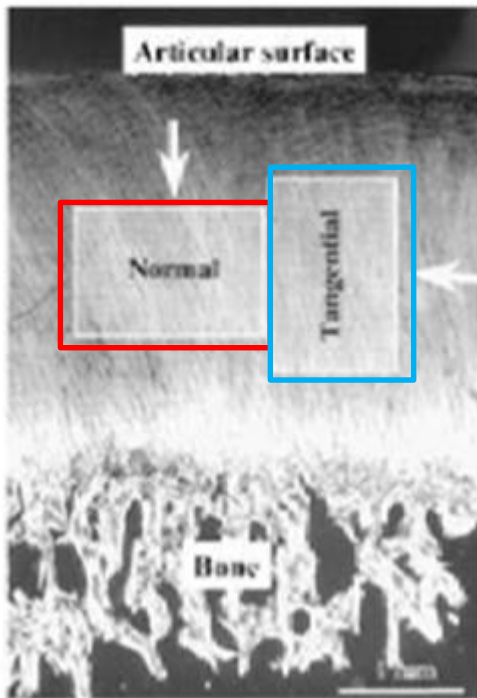
- Hyperelastic and layer dependent



Gao et al. 2014

# Mechanical properties of cartilage

- Anisotropic

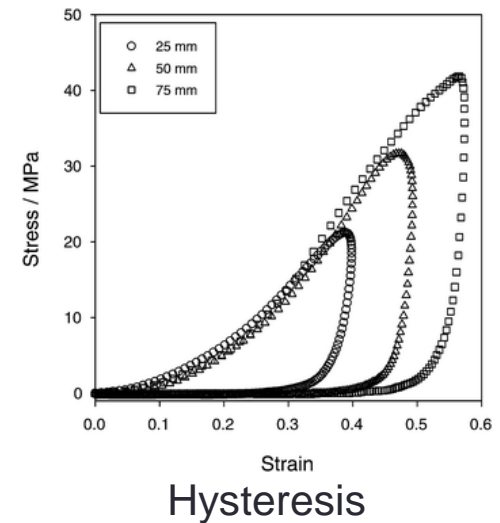
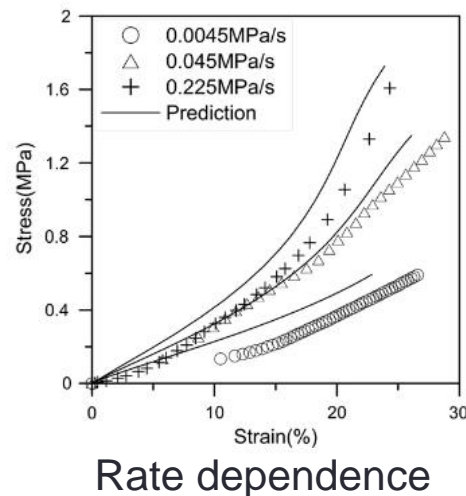
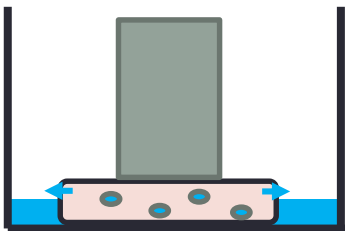
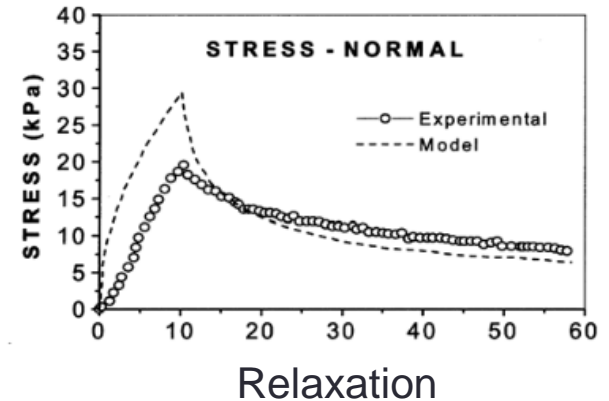
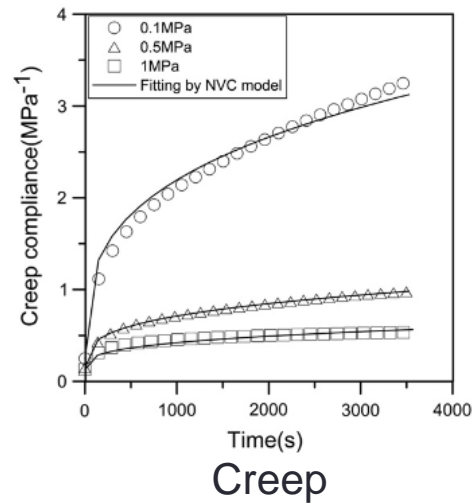
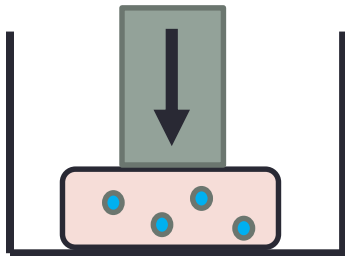


Jurvelin et al. 2003



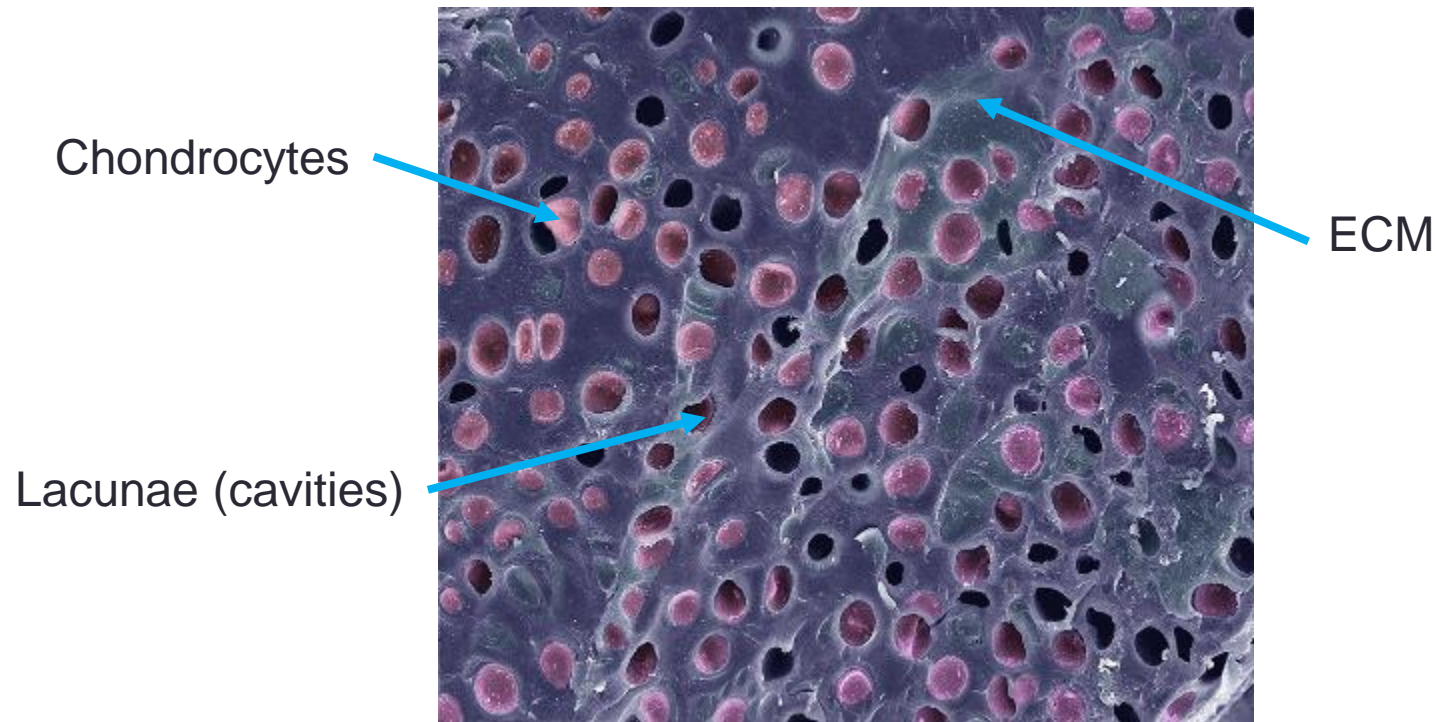
# Mechanical properties of cartilage

- Bi-phasic : Sponge-like material with solid phase and liquid phase – Poroviscoelastic material



Gao 2014, Jurvelin 2003, Edelman 2010

# Quantification of mechanical properties



Cartilage is best represented by a biphasic model  
with elastic modulus **E** and hydraulic permeability **k** (and porosity  $\Phi$ )

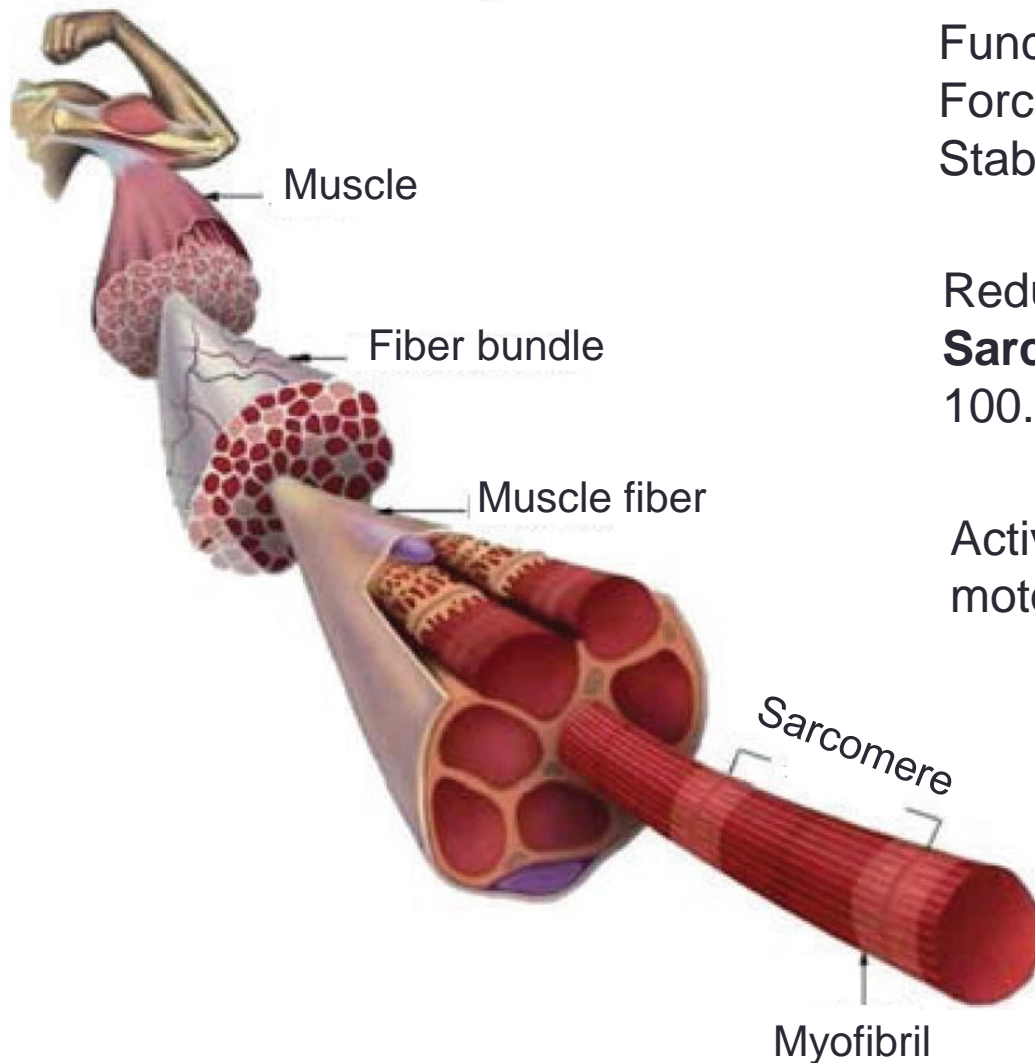
They depend on tissue state and loading

# Questions?

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# Skeletal muscles



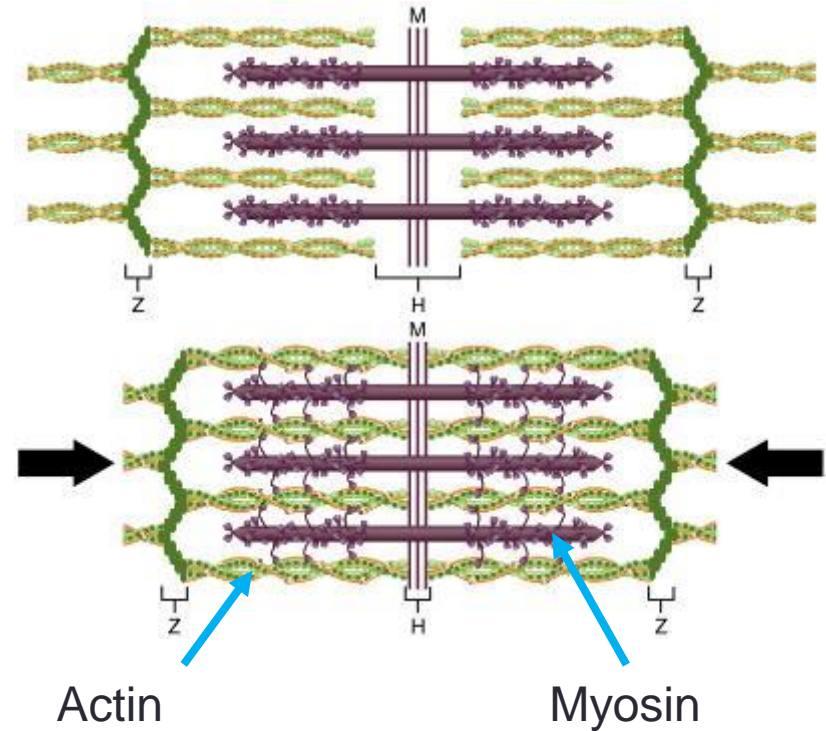
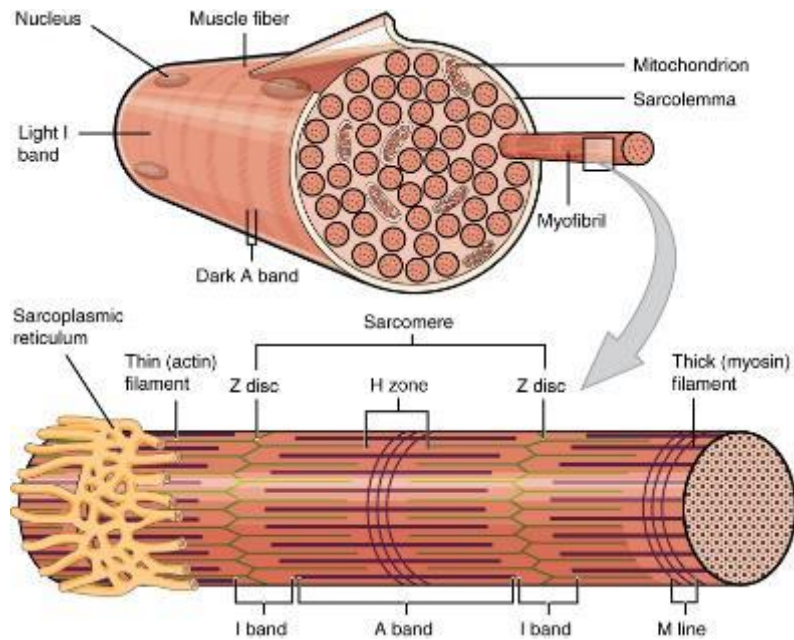
Function:

Force creation for movement of bones  
Stability

Redundant structure,  
**Sarcomere** as functional unit  
100.000 in biceps

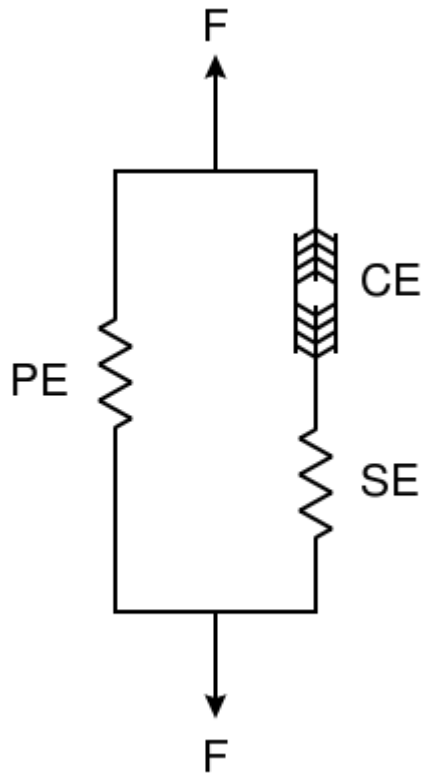
Activation upon stimulation by  
motoneuron

# Sarcomere



Myosin “heads” protrude along actin filaments → contraction

# Hill's muscle model

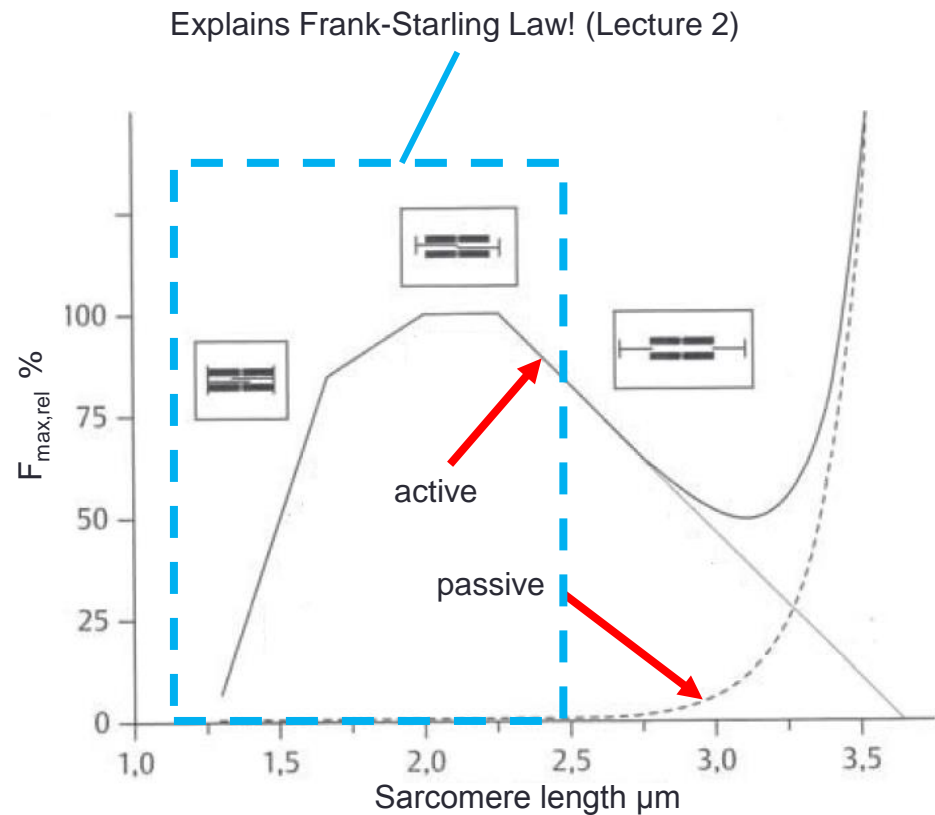


$F$ : Muscle force

CE: Contractile element – Sarcomere

SE: Series element – Elasticity of tendons/myofibrils (depends on elongation)

PE: Parallel element – Soft tissue behavior (passive force)



# Myosin movement

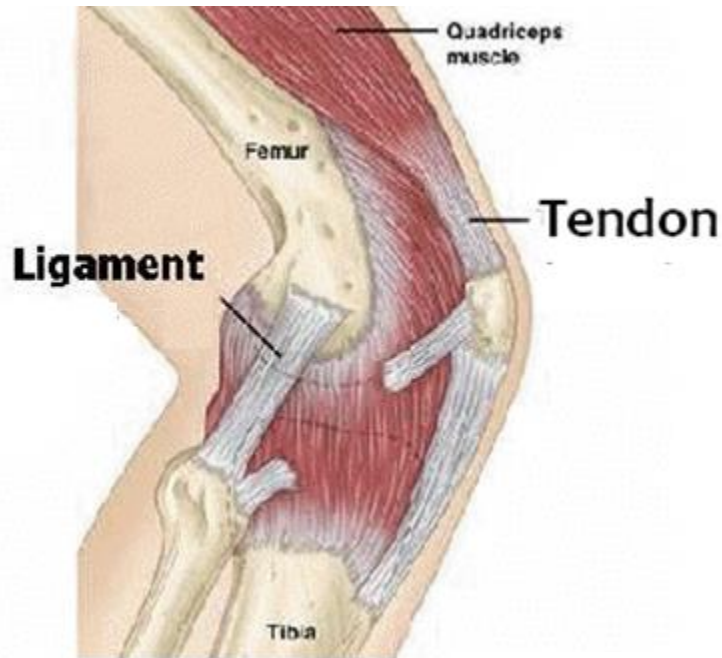
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qDbYkv1sPpM>

Affinity dependent binding (association and dissociation of ADP and ATP) produces the motion  
In the end atomic force microscopy videos



# Tendons and ligaments

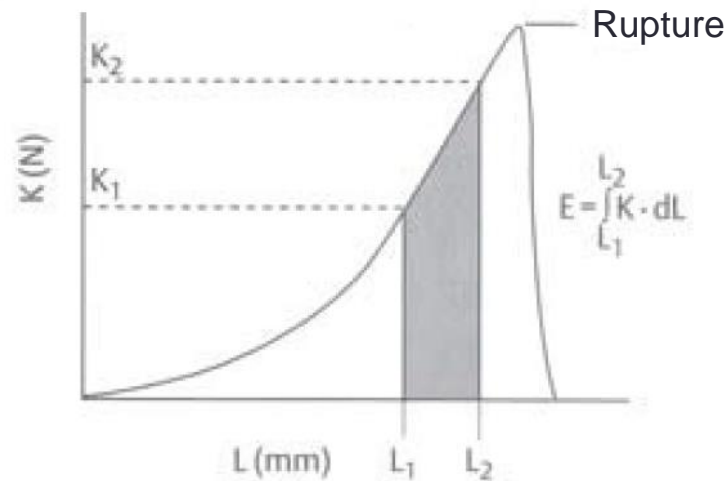


## Tendons:

Force translation from muscle to bone. Energy conservation. Higher stiffness → thinner

## Ligaments:

Stability of joints



$$\sigma_{\max} = 100\text{MPa}$$
$$\epsilon_{\max} = 10\%$$

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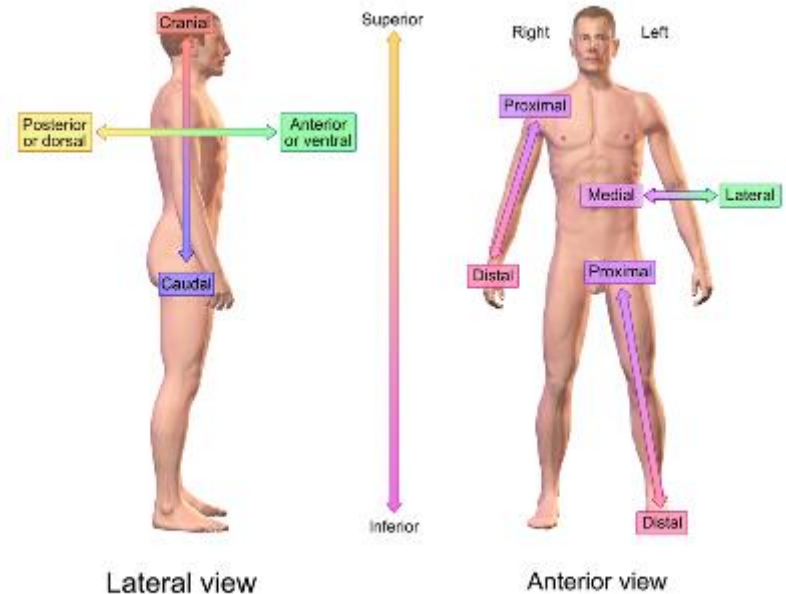
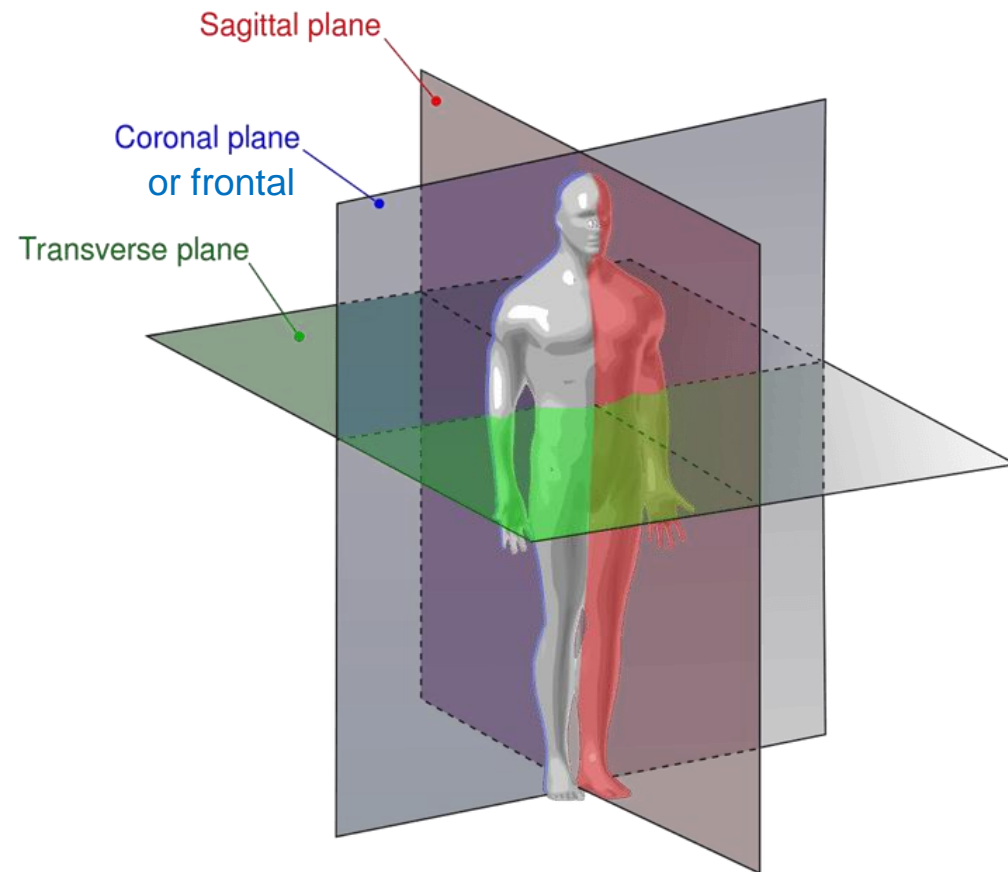
- Bones – Moving members of joints. Modeling/Remodeling
- Cartilage – Allows joint movement,
- Muscle – Locomotion, only tension forces
- Tendons/Ligaments – Stability and force translation

# Questions?

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# Joint Mechanics – Anatomical planes

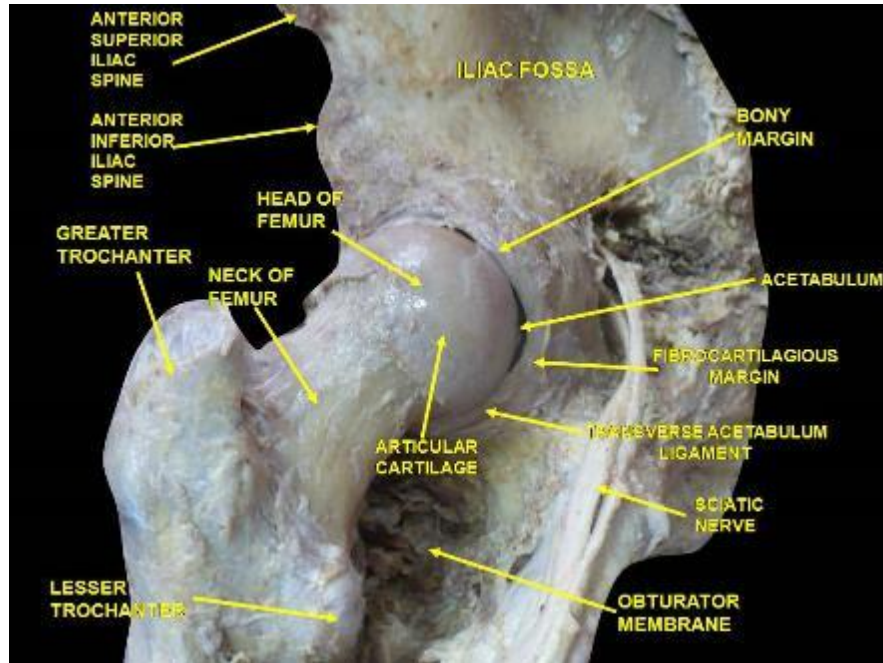


## Directional References

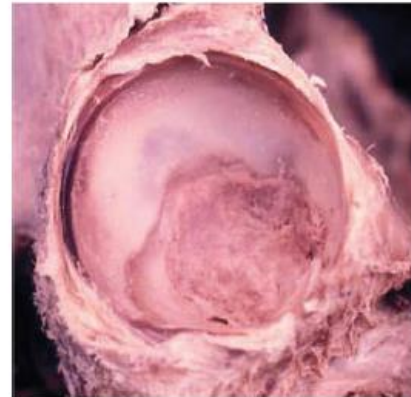
# Hip Joint Anatomy



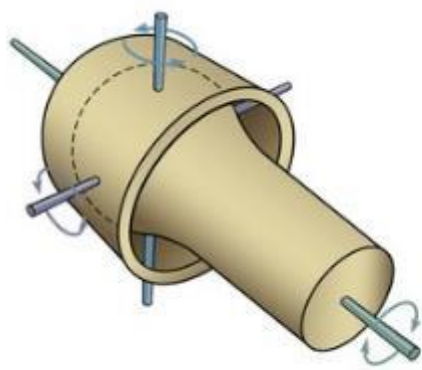
# Acetabulofemoral joint



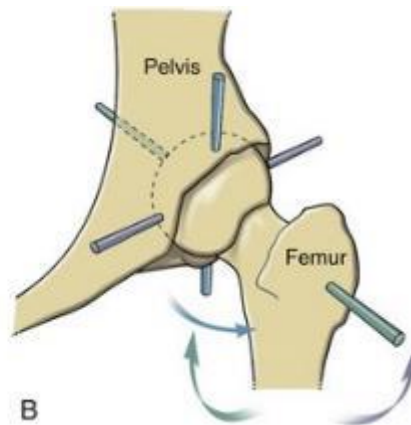
Acetabulum



Femur



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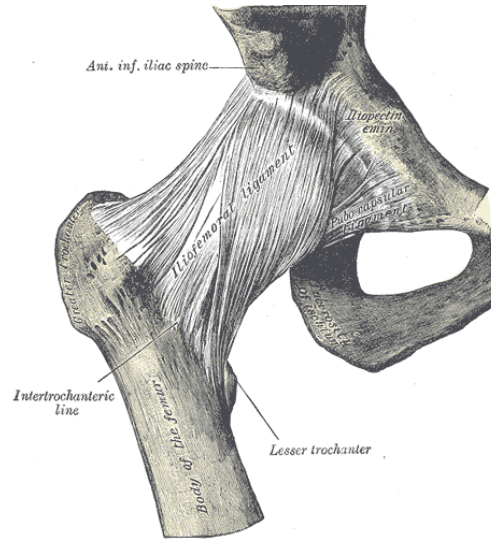


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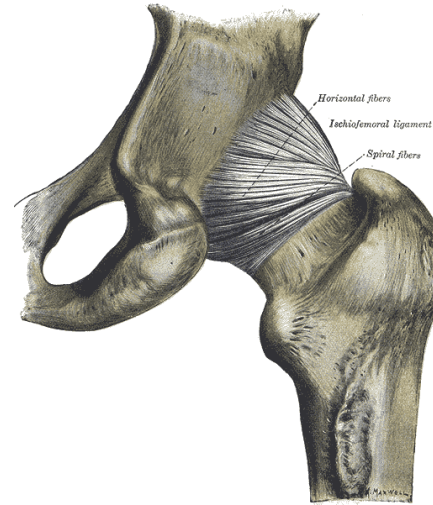
Mechanical analogy:  
**spheroidal joint**



# Muscles and ligaments



Anterior



Posterior



Flexors



Extensors



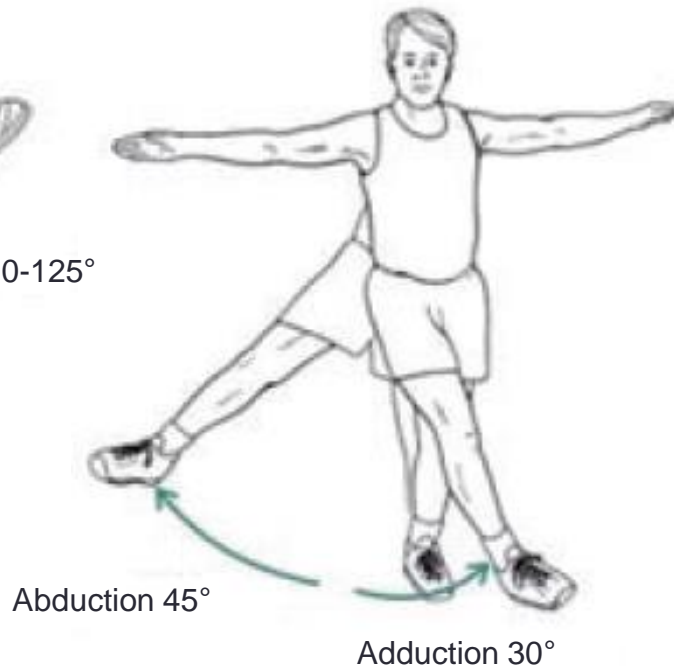
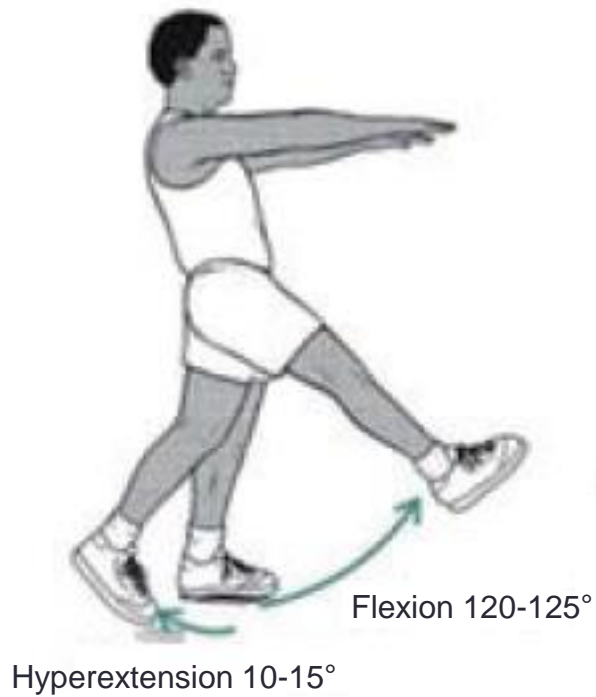
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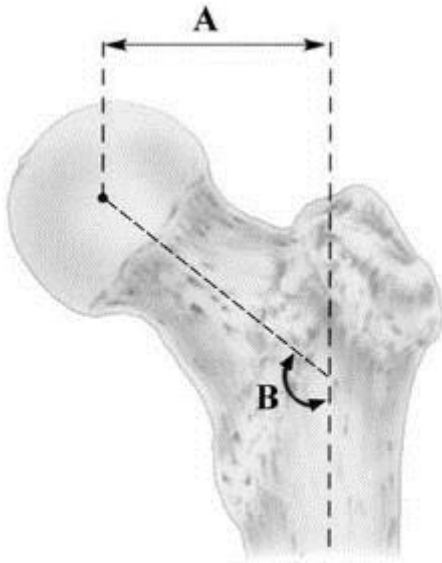
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# Movement capabilities



# Functional parameters – Femur head

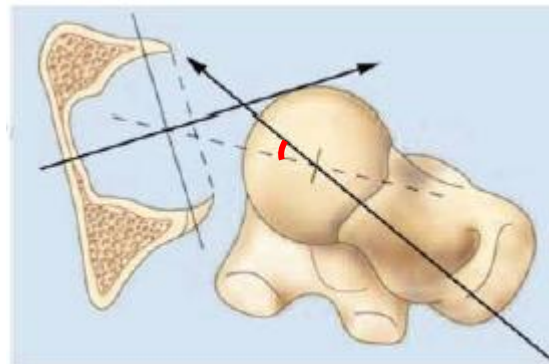


Coronal plane

A : Offset (30-60 mm)

B: caput-collum-diaphyseal or **CCD** angle ( $120^{\circ}$ - $135^{\circ}$ )

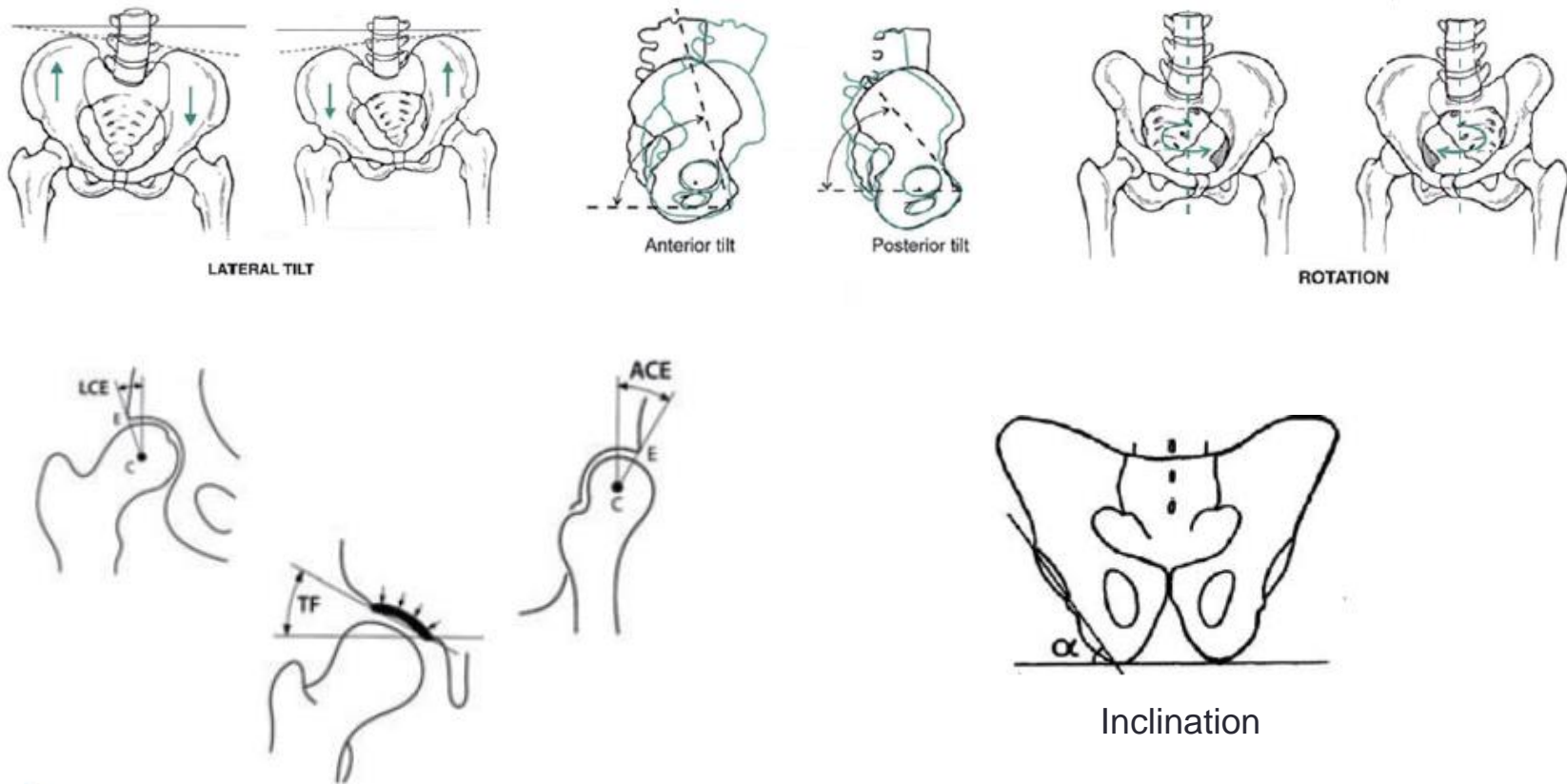
C: Ante version ( $12^{\circ}$ - $14^{\circ}$ )



Transversal plane

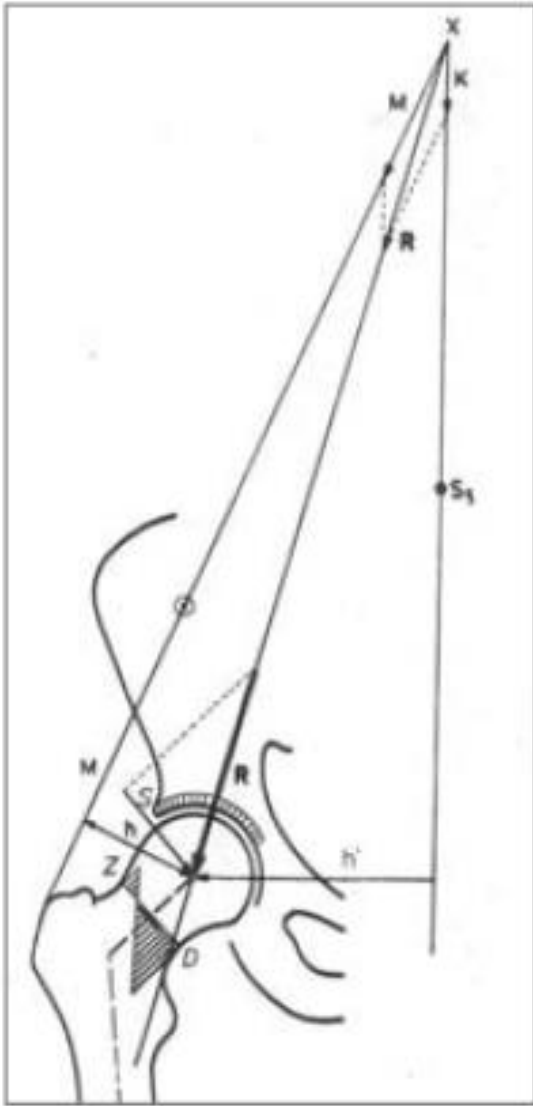


# Functional parameters - Hip



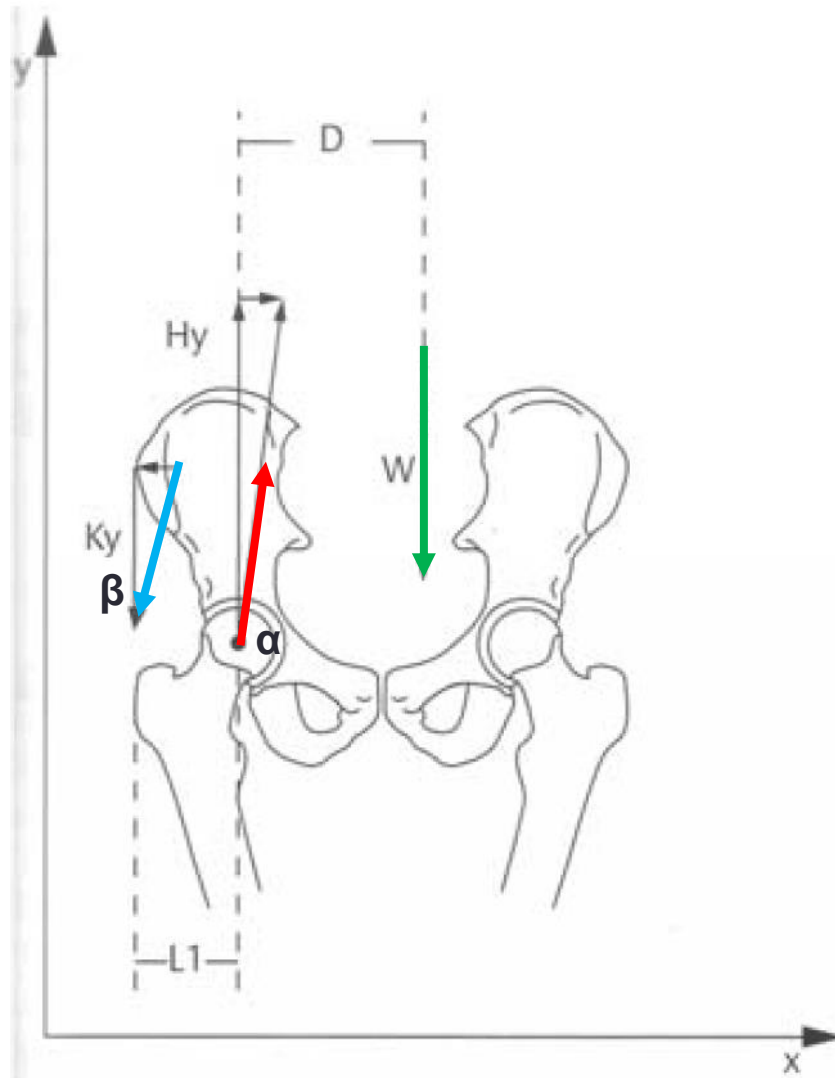
Many angles and measurements possible → Each has an influence on gait and possible pathologies!

# Mechanics - Preliminaries



- High loads (2 BW (stand) – 10 BW (run))
- High frequencies – 3 Mio steps p.a.
- Pathologies: i.a. failure of form and function of femur head and acetabulum

# Biomechanics – 2D – standing phase during walk



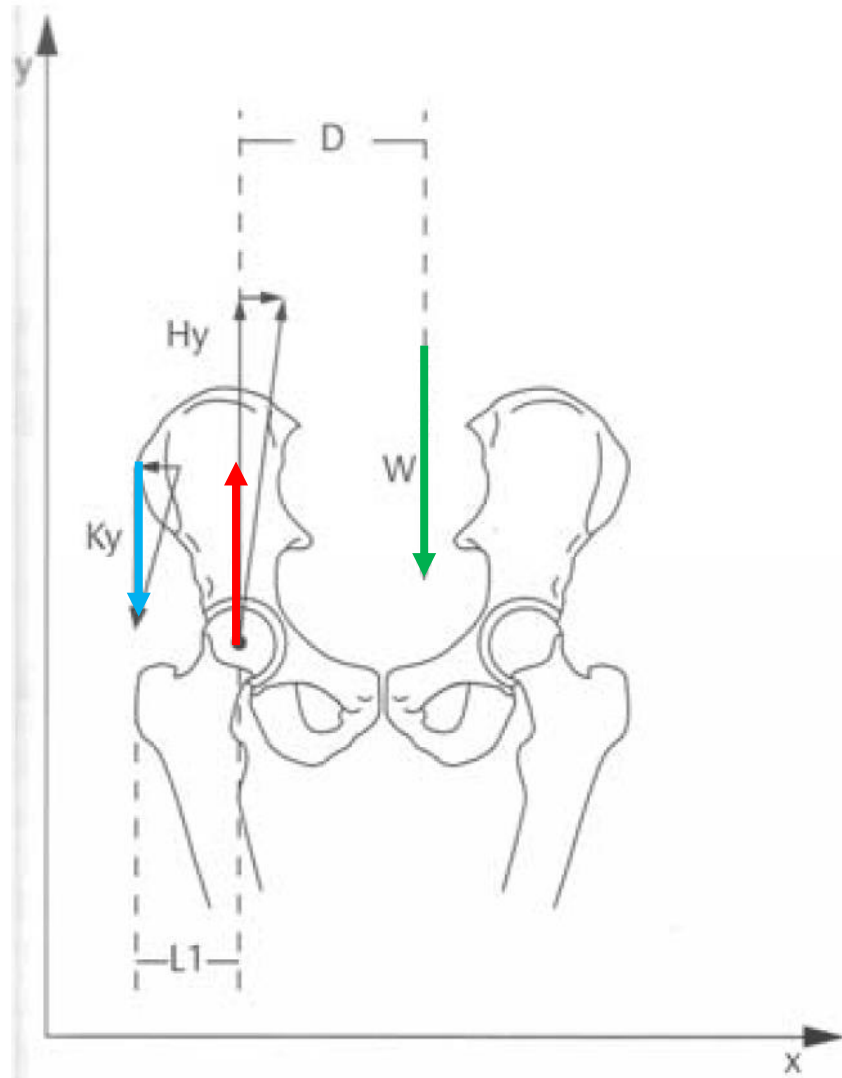
Body weight  $W$  at center of mass with distance  $D$

Joint force  $H$  under angle  $\alpha$  (normal to acetabulum)

Muscle force  $K$  under angle  $\beta$  (orientation of abductor tendon,  $\beta = 15^\circ$ )

Offset  $L_1$

# Calculation of Forces



$$\sum M_i = 0 = K_y \cdot L_1 - W \cdot D$$

$$\Rightarrow K_y = (W \cdot D) / L_1$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 = -K_y - W + H_y$$

$$H_y = K_y + W = W(1 + D / L_1)$$

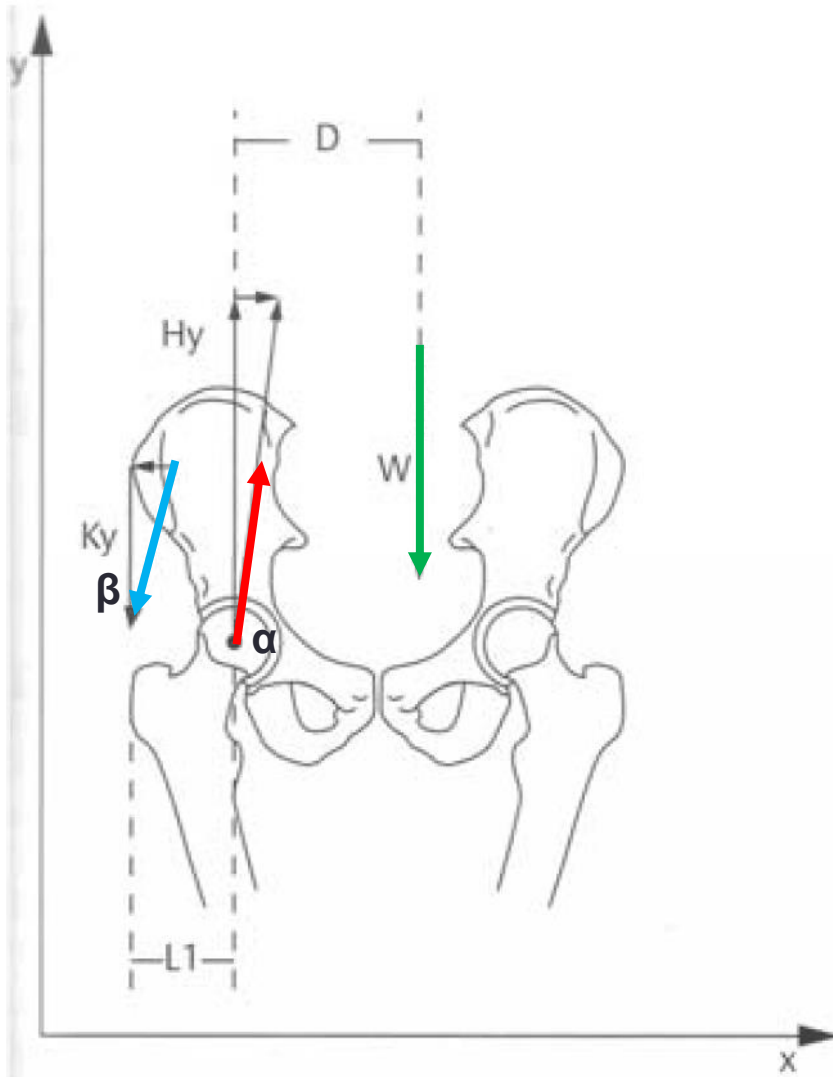
$$D \approx 2 \cdot L_1$$

$$W = 0,8 \cdot m \cdot g$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{H_y = 2,4 \cdot m \cdot g}}$$



# Calculation of angles/resulting forces



$$K_x = K_y \cdot \tan \beta$$

$$H_x = K_x = D / L_1 \cdot W \cdot \tan \beta$$

$$H = \sqrt{H_x^2 + H_y^2}$$

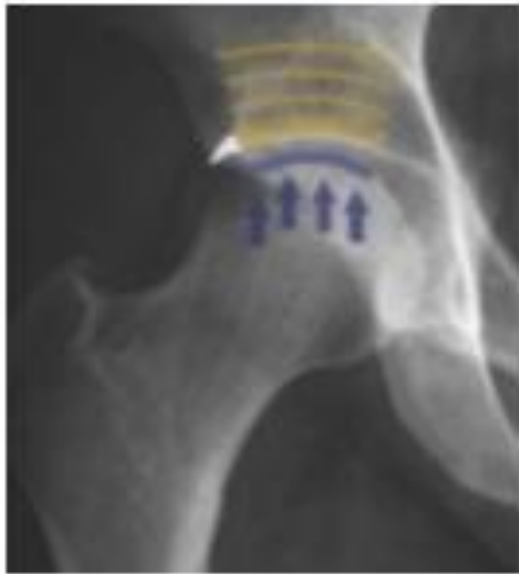
$$\alpha = \arctan(H_x / H_y)$$

$$\beta = 15^\circ$$

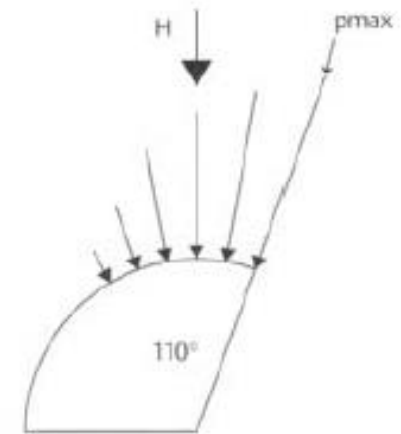
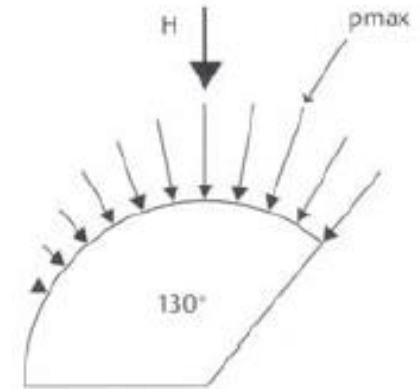
$$\Rightarrow H = 2,42 \cdot m \cdot g$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = 10,2^\circ$$

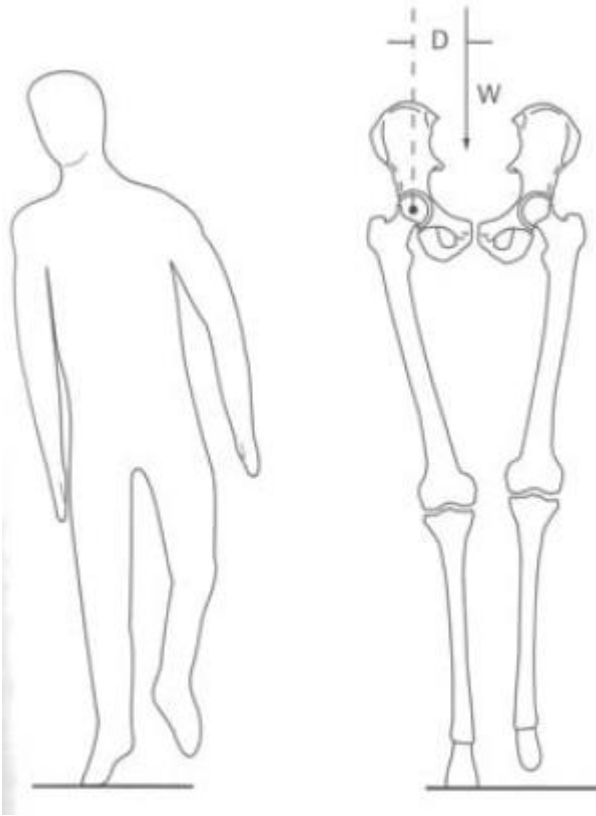
# Hip dysplasia/ Impingement



Impingement



# Duchenne limping



Reduction of distance axis  $D$

Reduction of muscle force  $K$

Reduction of joint force  $H$

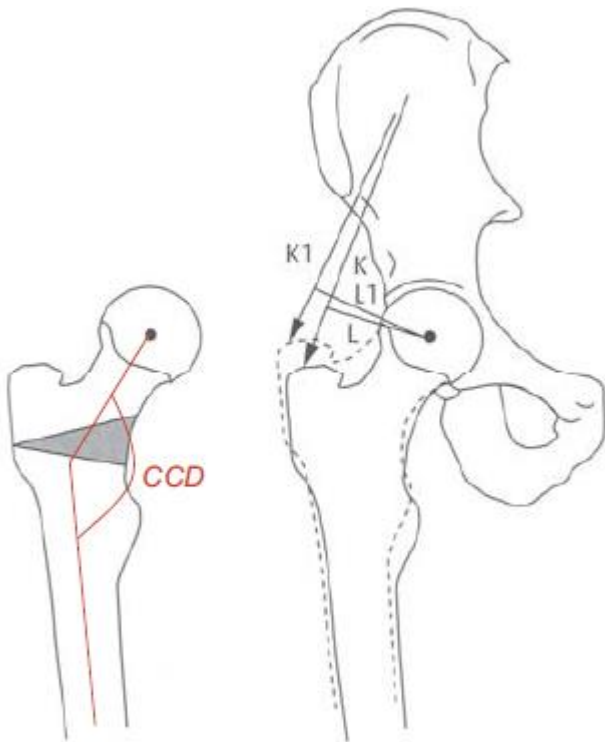
**BUT:**

No long-term solution

# Osteotomy

$$\Sigma M_i = 0 = K_y = (WD)/L_1$$

$$L_1 > L \Rightarrow K_1 < K$$



# Summary

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Hip joint is a spheroidal joint between hip and femur

Permanent loading with up to 10 body weight

Already 2D Biomechanics (statics) can help to understand basic principles

# Questions?

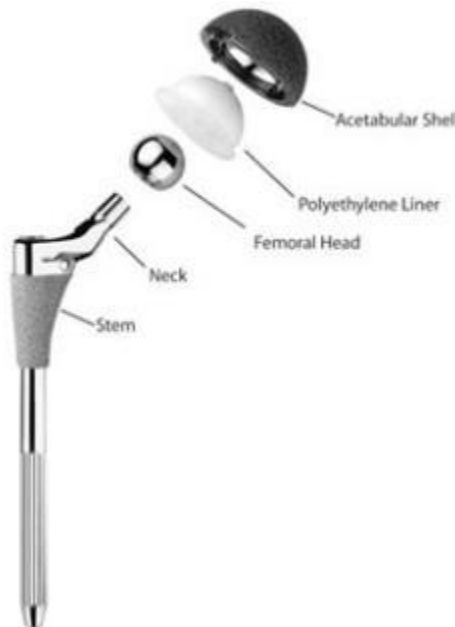
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# Hip replacement

- Causes: Trauma, osteoporosis, osteoarthritis, dysplasia
- First surgery in 1891
- Nowadays design based on 1962 (John Charnley)
- High incidence rate 2.5 Mio in 2010 in US (1% of population)
- “Routine” surgery with costs of ~ 10k€

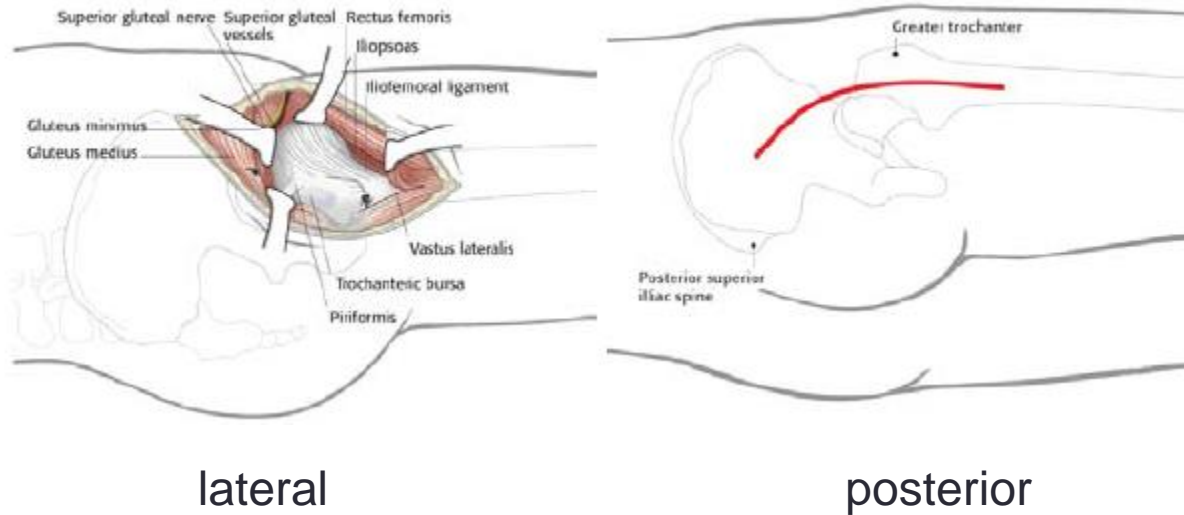


# THA/Hemiprosthesis



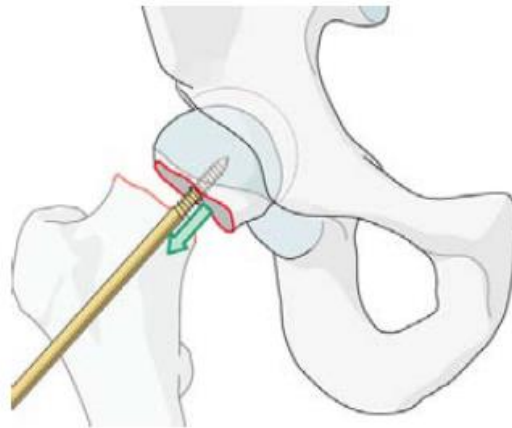
Total Hip Arthroplasty and Resurfacing Arthroplasty

# Surgical procedure - Approach

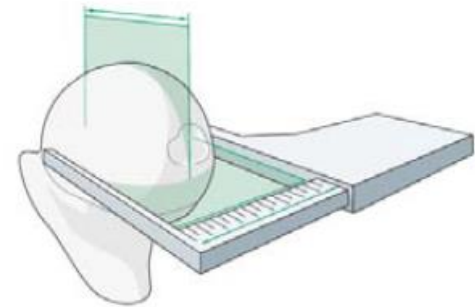


There also exists antero-lateral, anterior, minimally invasive. Depending on surgeons' preferences and experience. No clear best choice.

# Surgical procedure – Femoral head removal



Removal

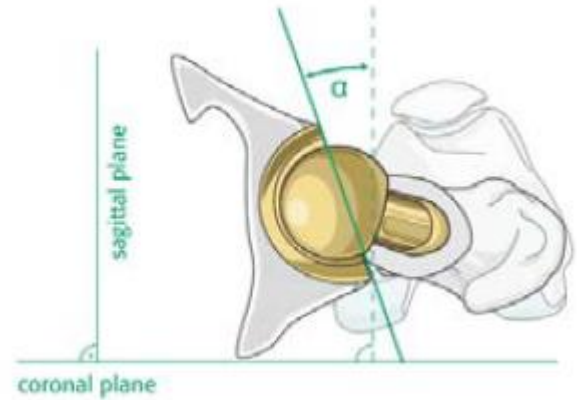


Measurement (if necessary)

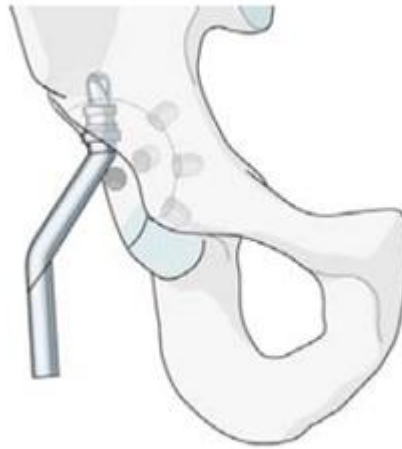
# Surgical procedure – Acetabular component



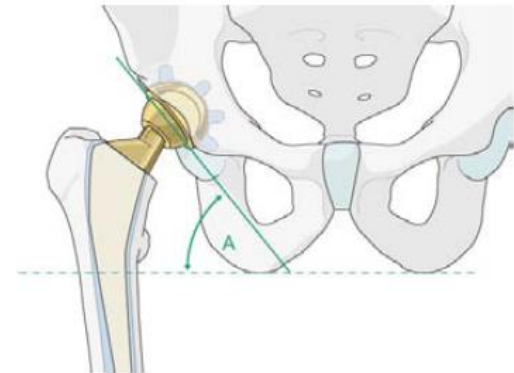
Reaming



Ante version 15°

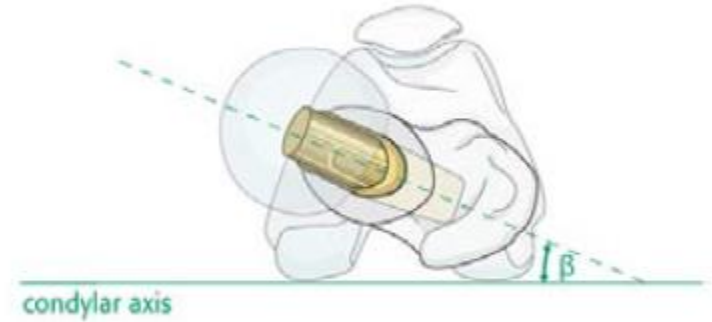
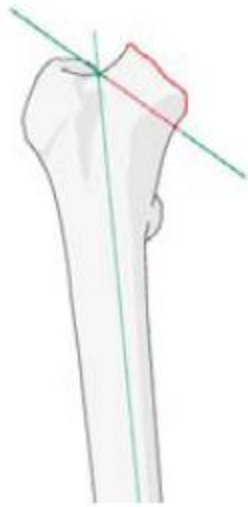
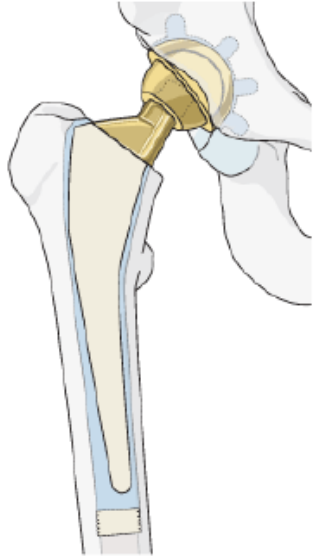


Fixation of acetabular cup



Inclination 45°

# Surgical procedure – Stem insertion



Coaxiality with femur head!

Two fixation possibilities



# Surgical procedure - Fixation



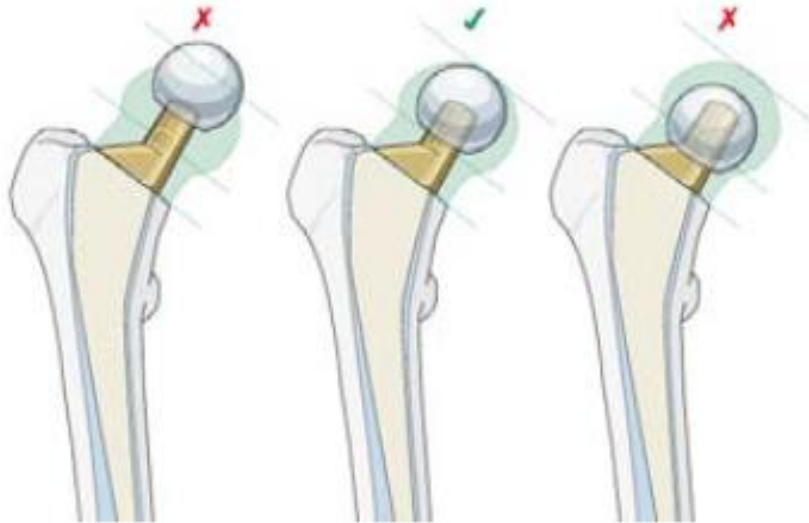
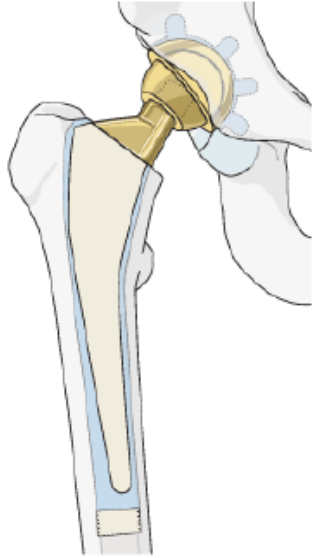
Uncemented – bone ingrowth  
For younger patients and/or  
healthy bones



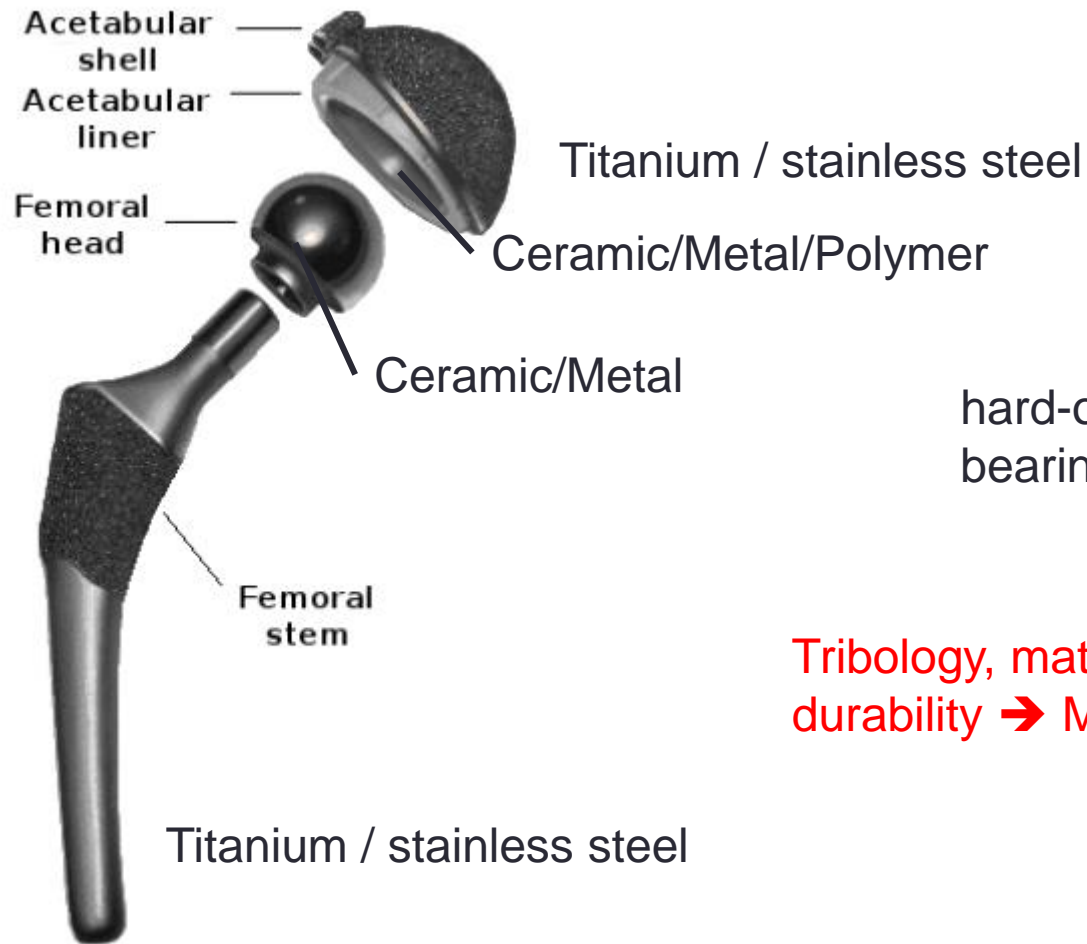
Bone cement – connection  
with bone. Revision surgery  
difficult

Revision? Hip prosthesis last around 15-20 years in best case scenario

# Surgical procedure – Femoral head



# Materials



hard-on-hard and hard-on-soft bearings (MoP, MoM, CoM etc.)

Tribology, material-body-interactions, durability → Material engineering

# Challenges and Complications (related to Biomechanics)



## **Loosening**

Material and cement wear



## **Dislocation**

Biomechanics and wear



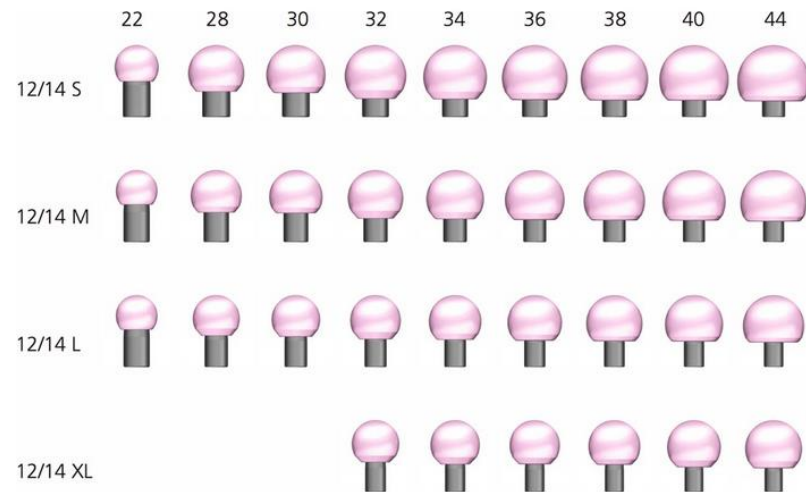
## **Fracture**

Oscillatory loading

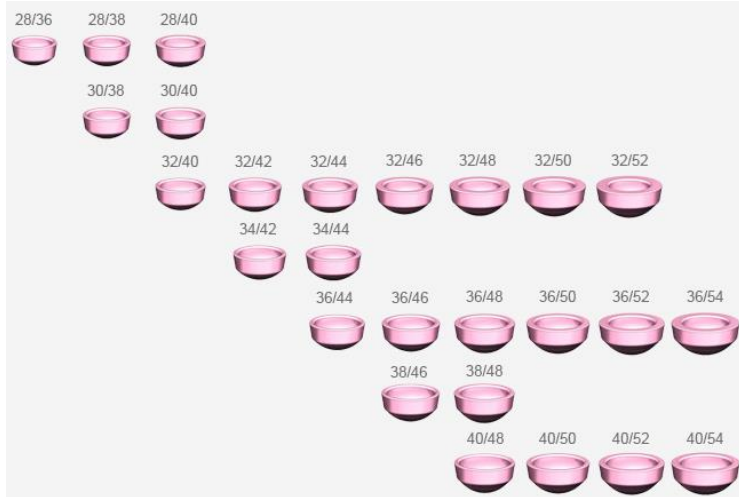
# Choice of prosthesis



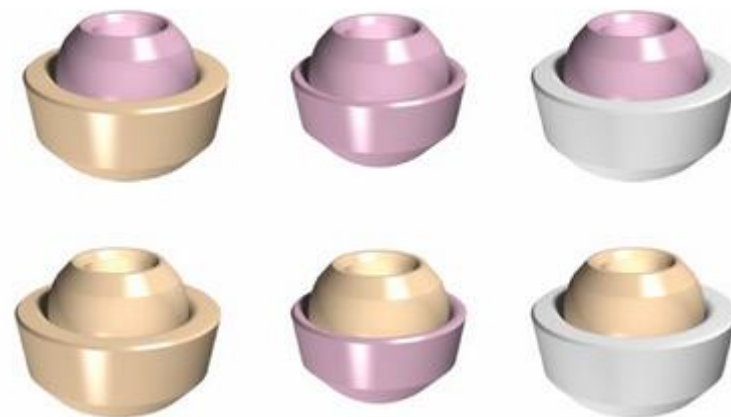
Stem choice



Ball head choice

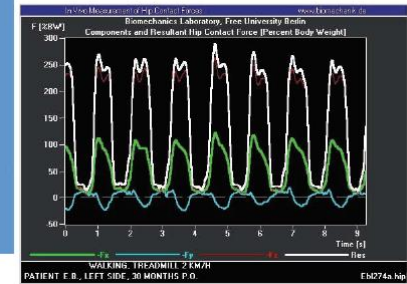


Cup choice

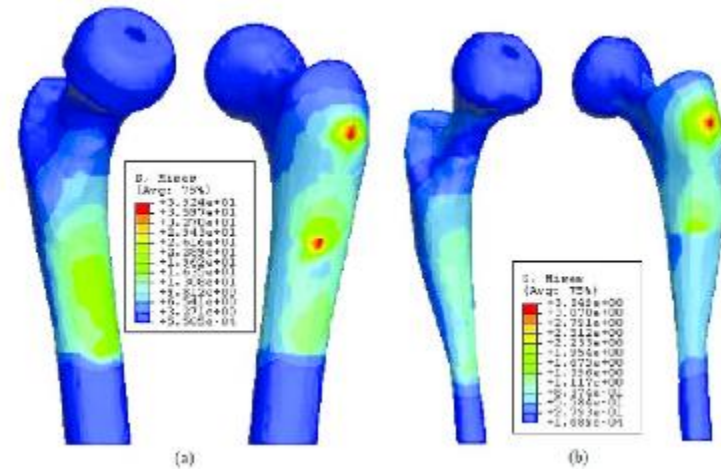


Material pairing choice

# Pre-surgical planning and biomechanical analyses



Bergman et al. 2007



Cilingir et al. 2007

More in practical courses

# Video of THA surgery

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LMLvy-q5rnM&t=211s>

95 % success rate, patient mobility 24h after surgery, complete recovery and **drastic** improvement to pre-surgical state



# Questions?

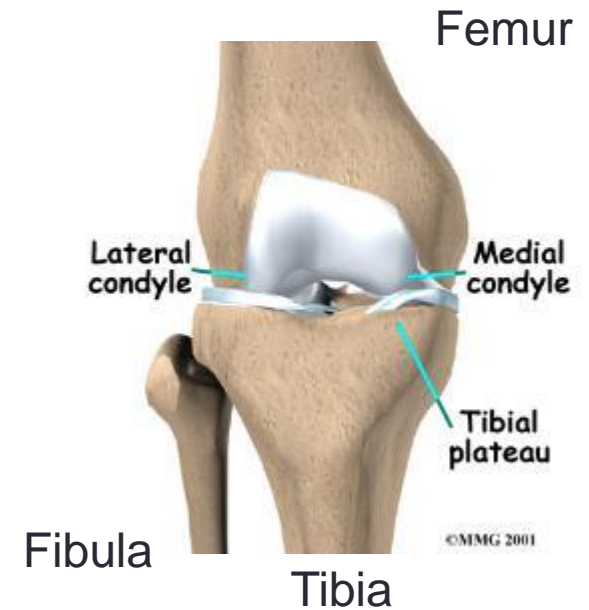
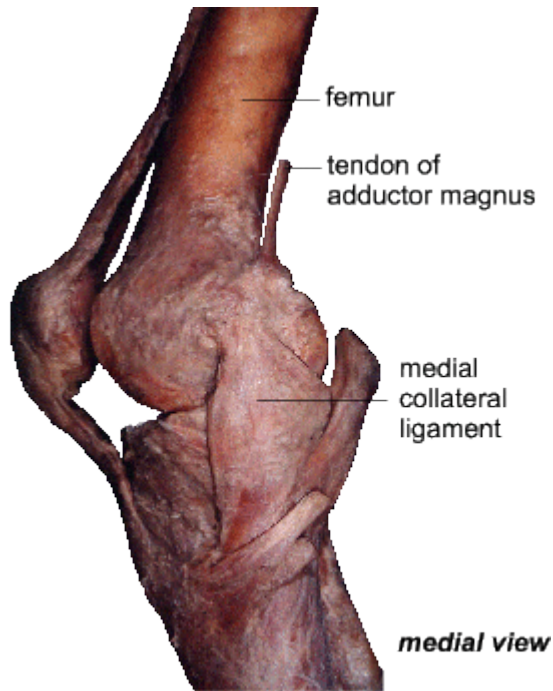
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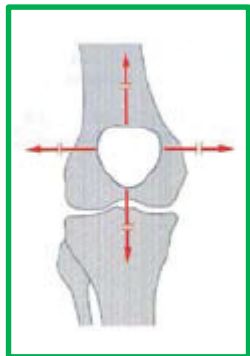
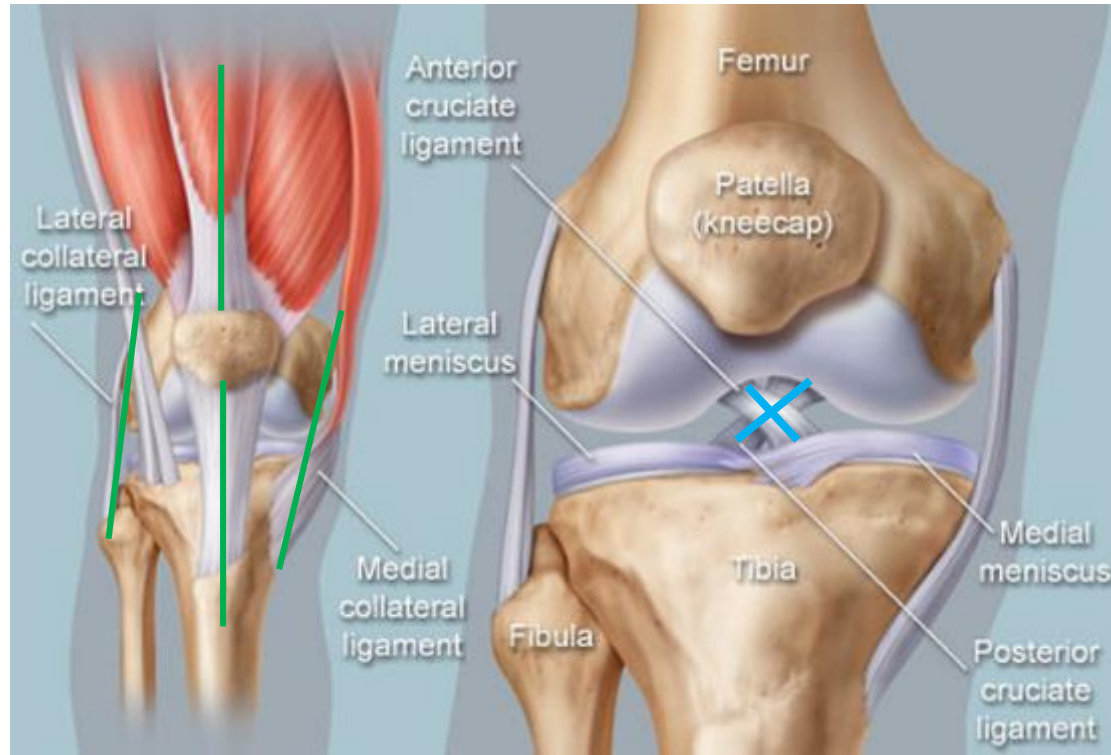
# Knee anatomy



# Tibiofemoral and patellofemoral joint



# Ligaments



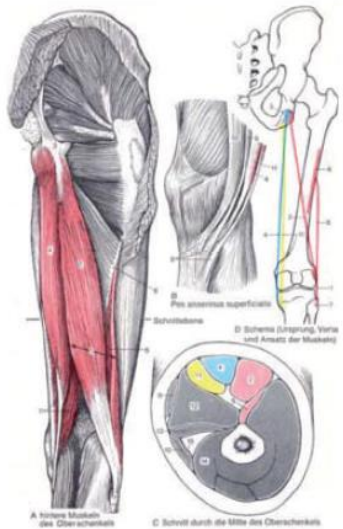
Fixation of patella  
Stability of joint

Stability of relative movement  
between femur and tibia

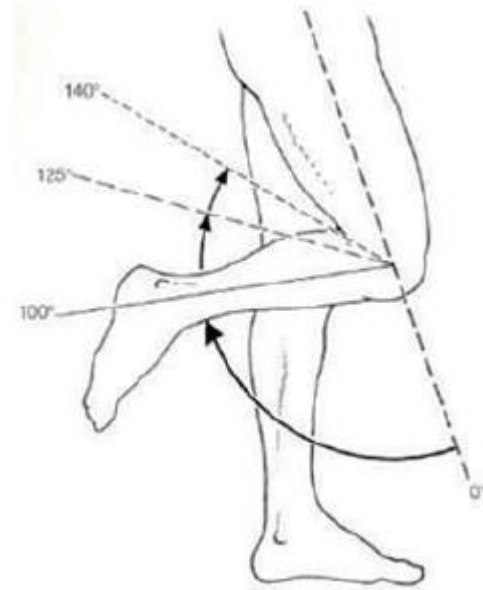
# Muscles and Movement



Flexors



Extensors

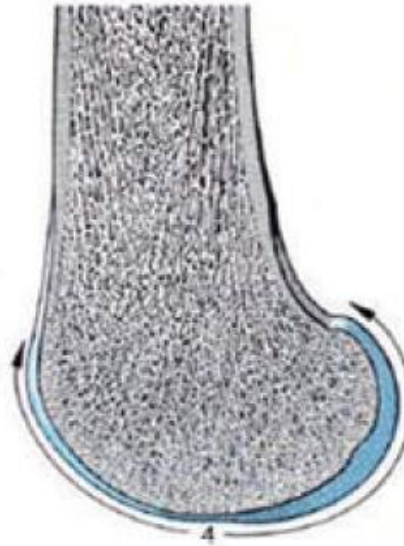
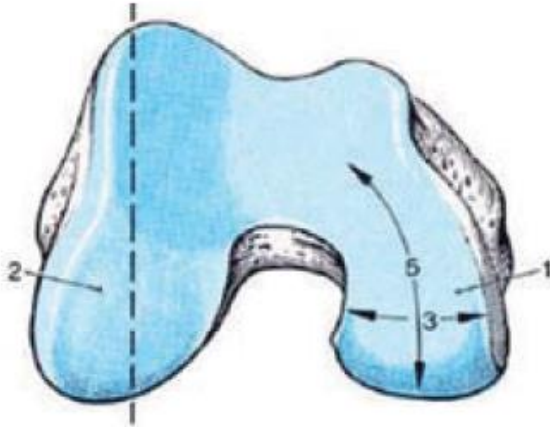


Depends on hip joint: 120-140°

Rotation: -10-30°

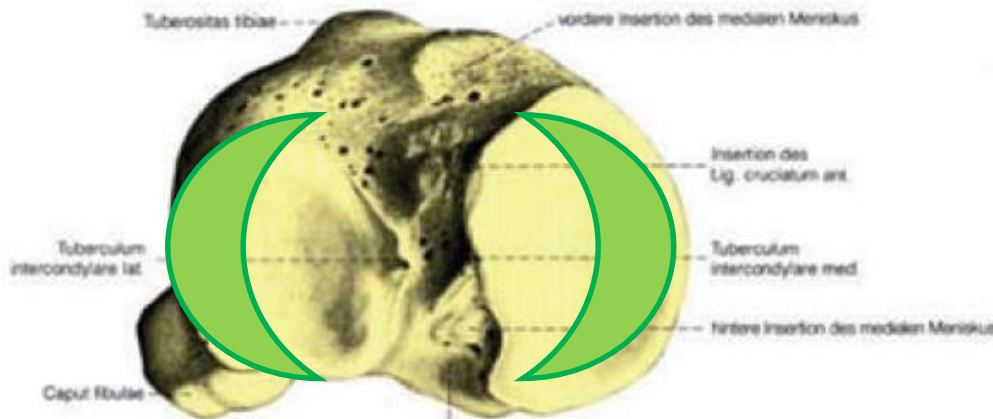
# Incongruence in femurotibial joint

Femur



2 Menisci  
increase the contact  
area by factor of **3!**

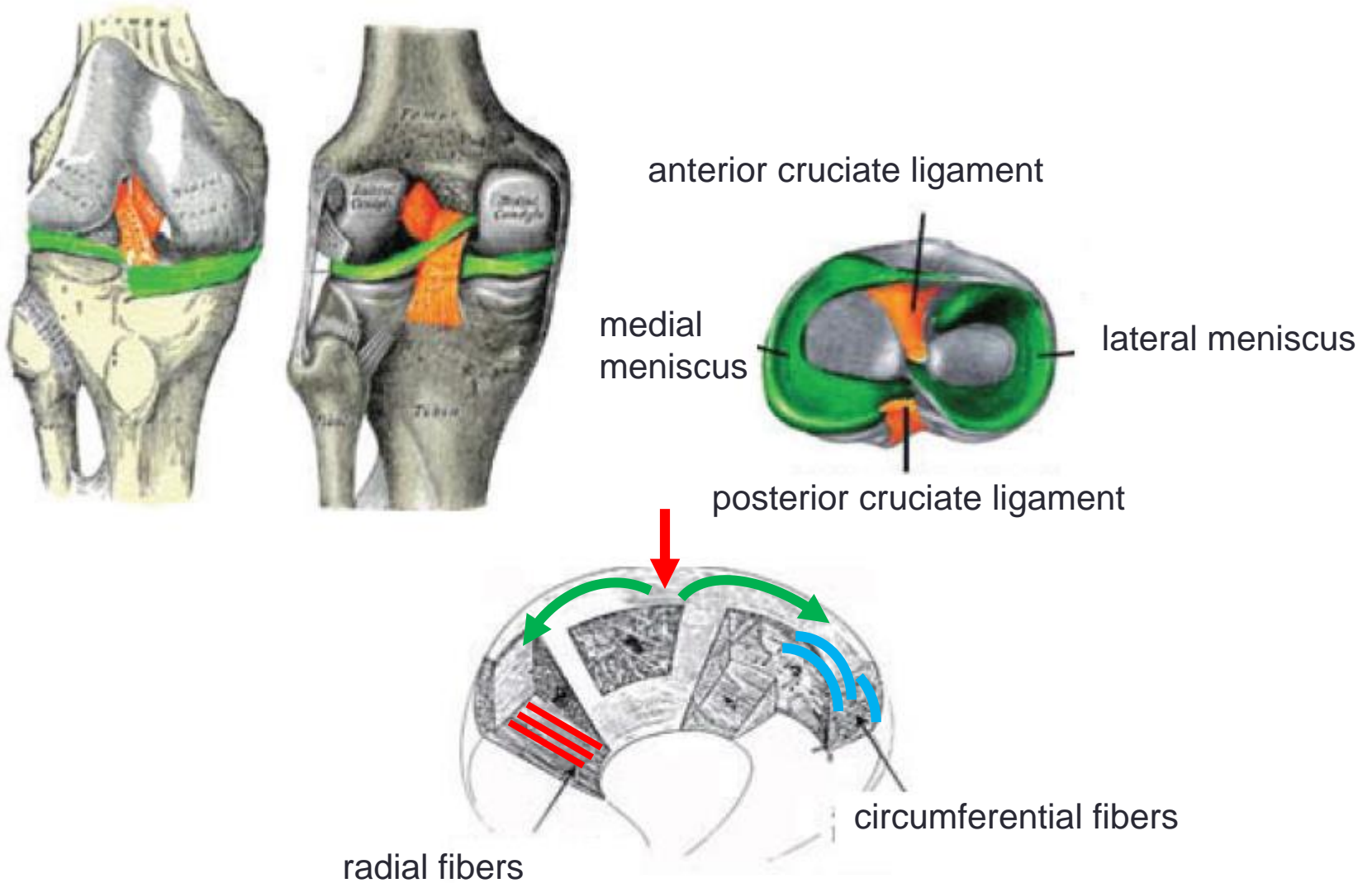
Tibia



Pressure is reduced from  
6 to 2 MPa.



# Meniscus





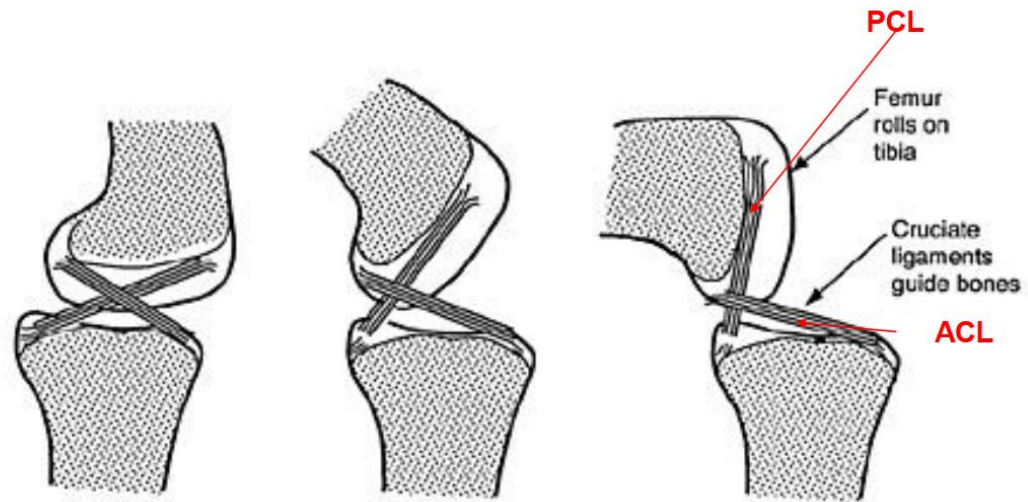
# Knee kinematics

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H3YgbJLbIXk>

# Tibiofemoral joint

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cy-q-16TuX8>



A combination of **rolling** and **sliding**  
Cruciate ligaments prevent dislocation  
of joints during movement

# 4 bar linkage (Menschik 1974)

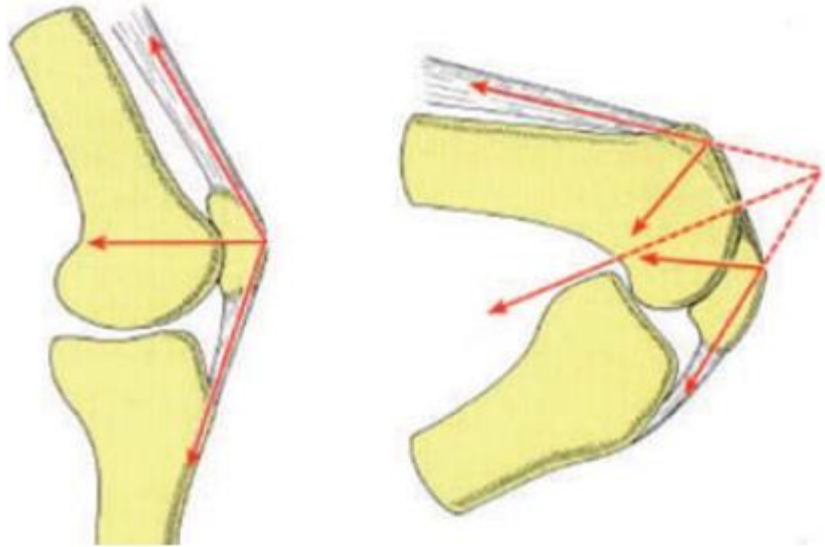
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wWvB3INyXB0>

# Patella kinematics

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H3YgbJLbIXk>

From 1:30



Translates the force from the quadriceps to the tibia.

Patella force (compression) depends on **bending angle!**

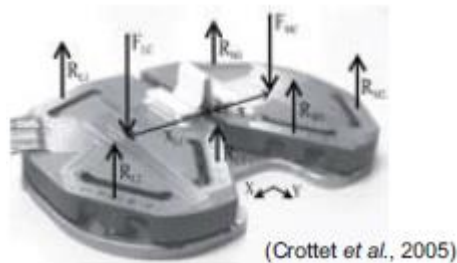
# 4 bar linkage is a simplification



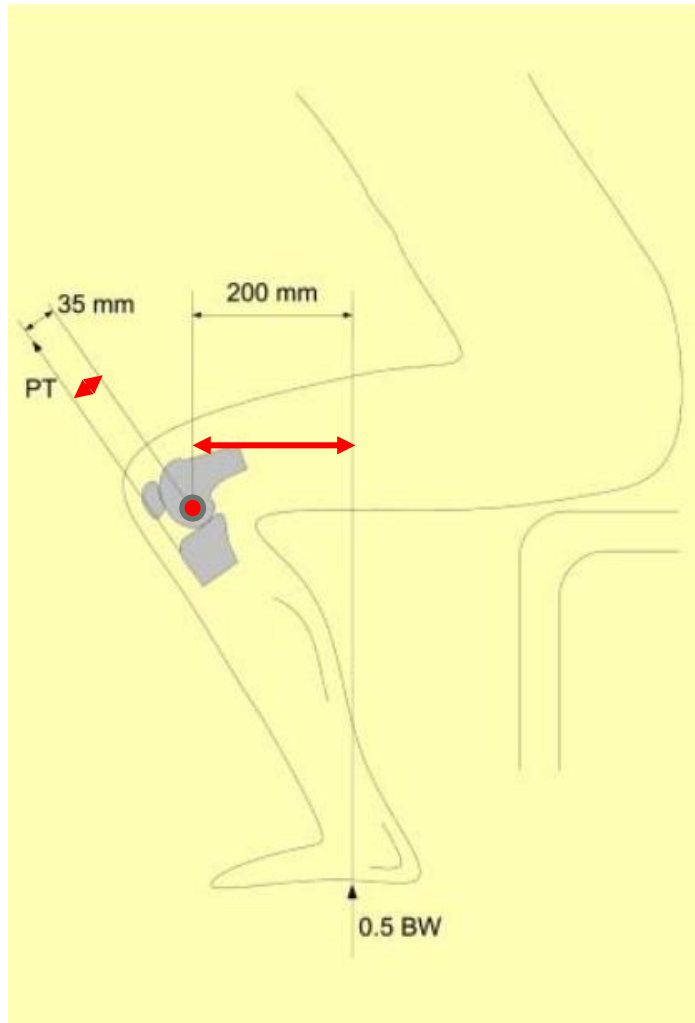
In reality tibiofemoral movement is three dimensional.  
Axial rotation between femur and tibia.



In vivo measurements and more sophisticated modeling is necessary!



# Forces during rising from chair



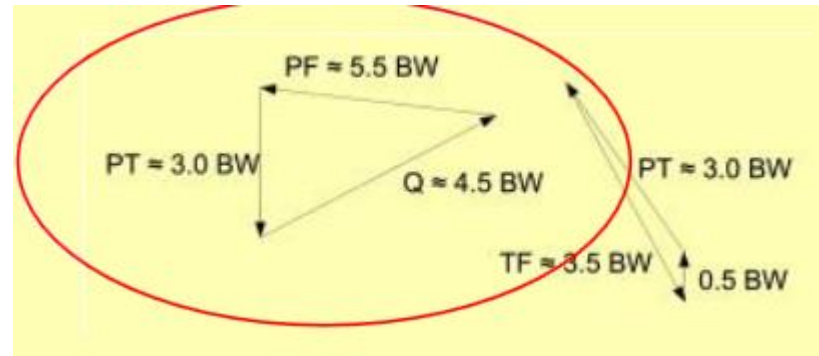
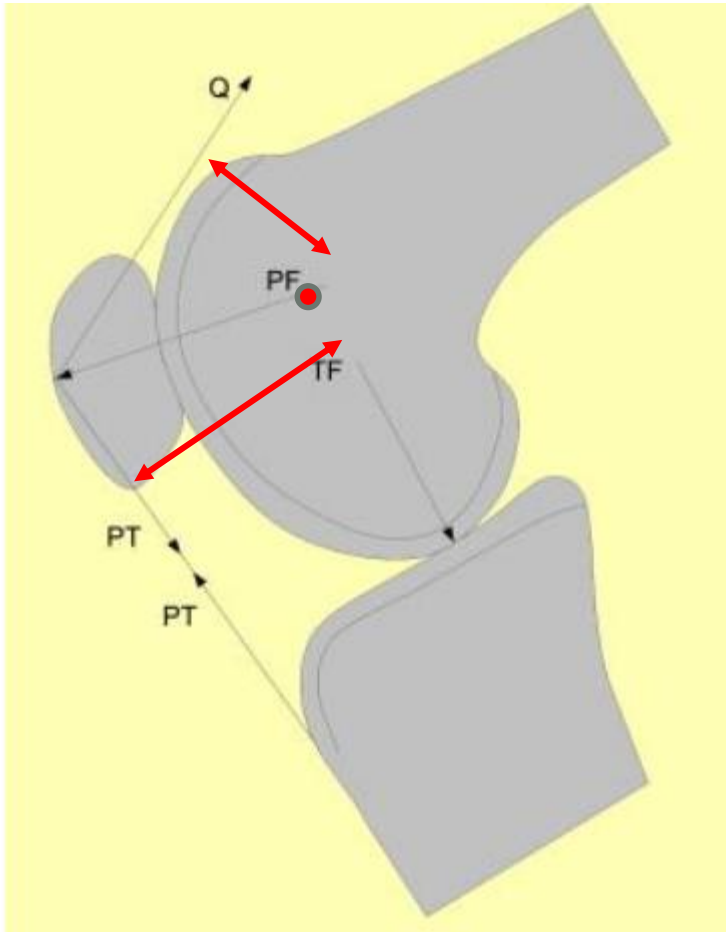
$$\Sigma M_i = 0 = PT = (0.5BW * 200mm)/35mm$$

$$PT \approx 3 BW$$

# Forces during rising from chair

$$\Sigma M_i = 0 = Q = (PT * 35mm)/22mm$$

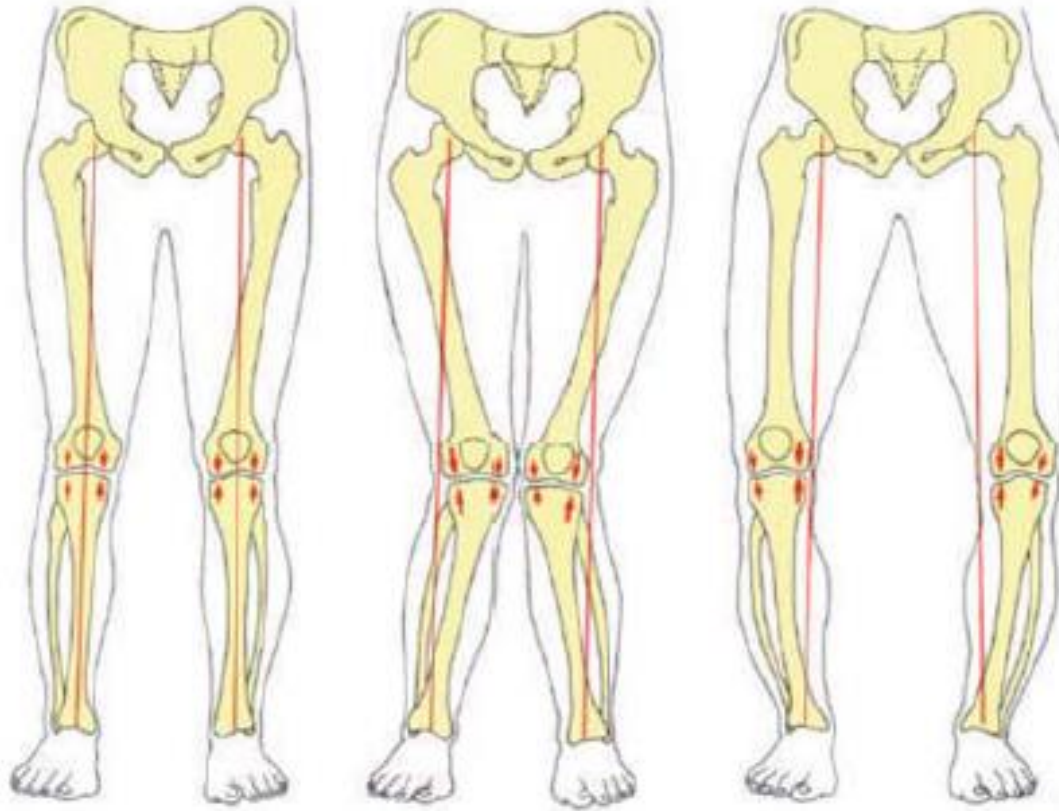
$$Q \approx 4.5 BW$$



PF = **5.5 BW!**  
during squatting  
patella force up to **7.6 BW!**



# Forces increase in pathologies



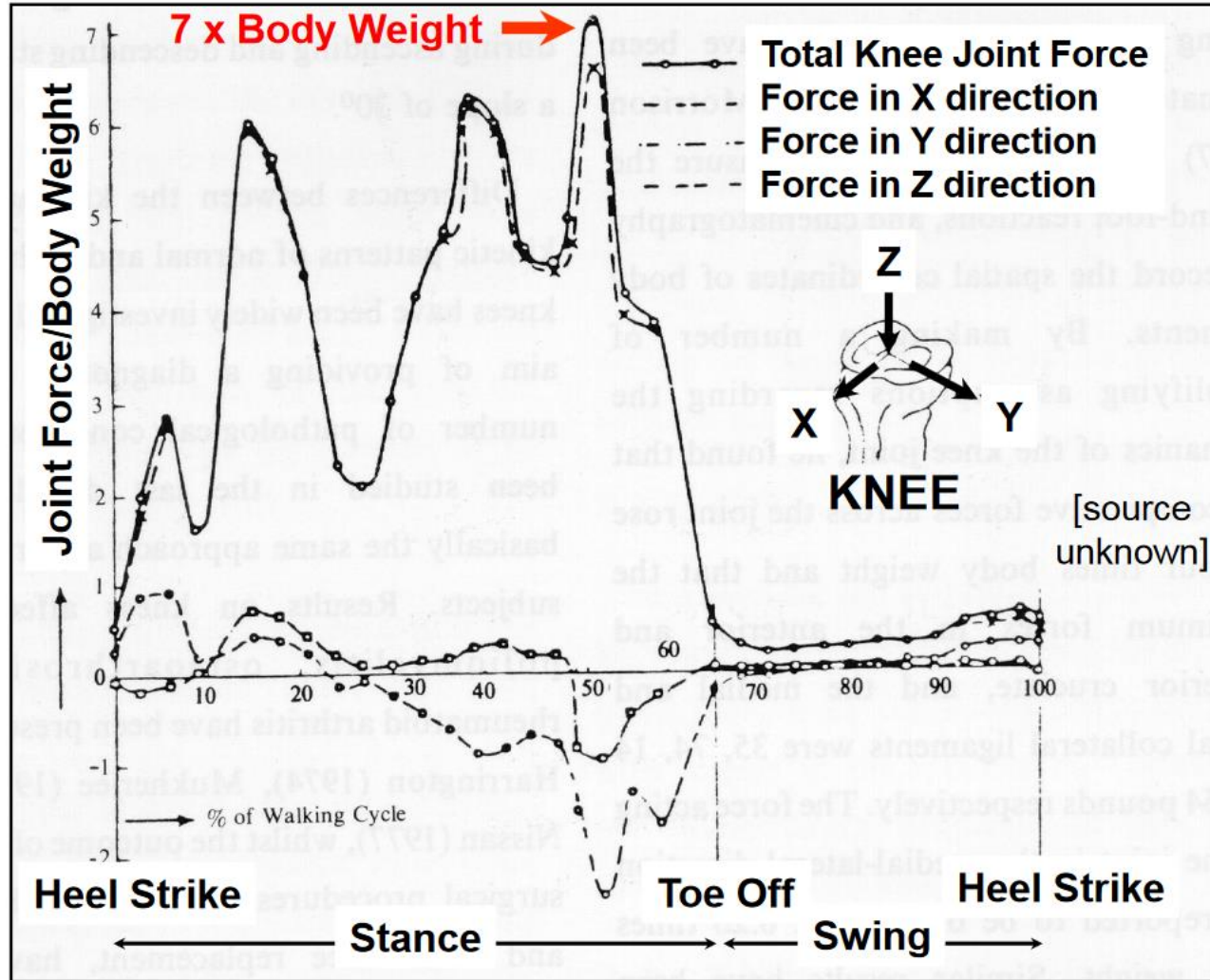
Normal

Valgus

Varus

Self-intensifying deformities!

# The walking cycle



# Summary

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- Knee is one of the most complicated joints in the body
- Rolling, sliding and rotational movement (3D)
- High forces (7 BW in walking)
- Ligaments and menisci play a **crucial** role in biomechanics
- Injuries of soft tissues may evolve in **severe** pathologies

# Questions?

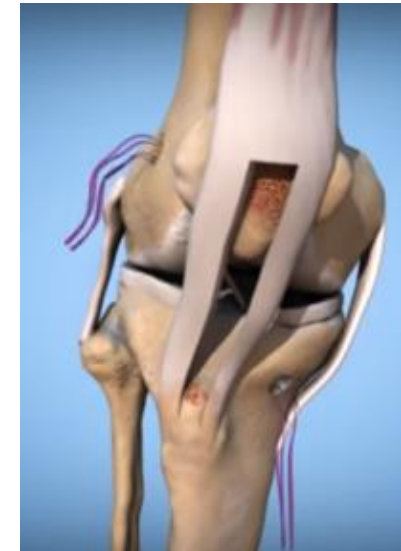
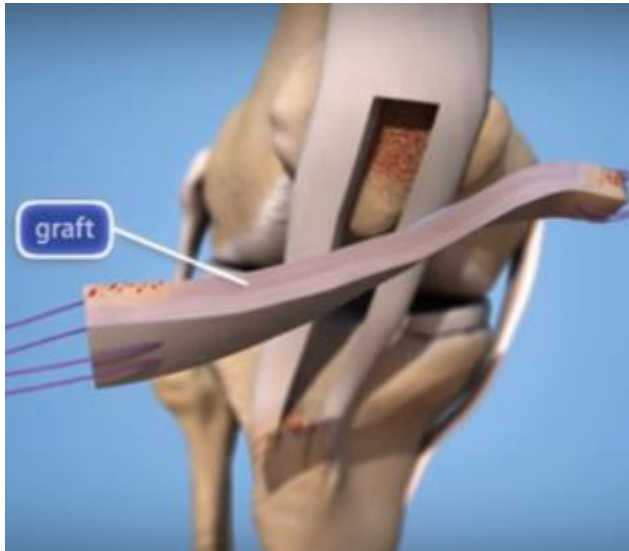
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# Pathologies & Therapies - Ligament rupture

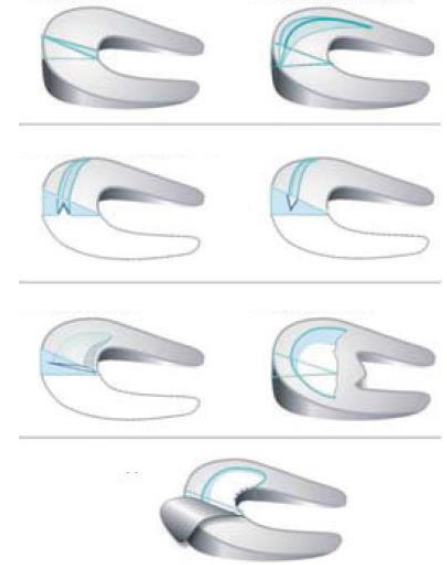
ACL/PCL very common in competitive disciplines

**Autograft tendon reconstruction surgery**



# Pathologies & Therapies – Meniscus rupture

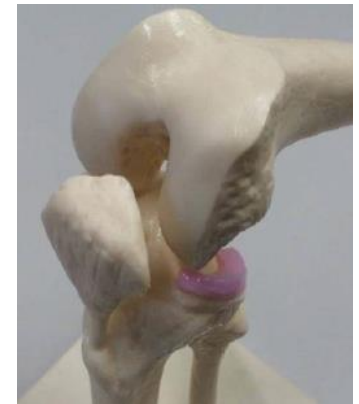
Many locations possible  
Treatment via arthroscopy  
Meniscus replacement  
under investigation



Meniscus rupture



Arthroscopy

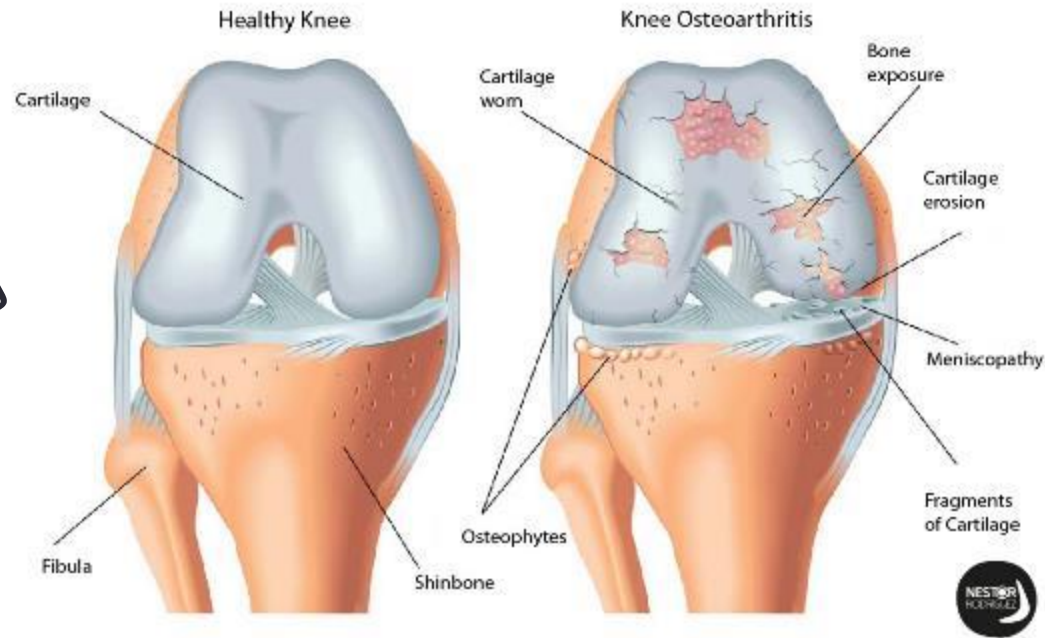


# Pathologies & Therapies - Osteoarthritis

Irreversible cartilage destruction → pain, low movement, joint dysfunction

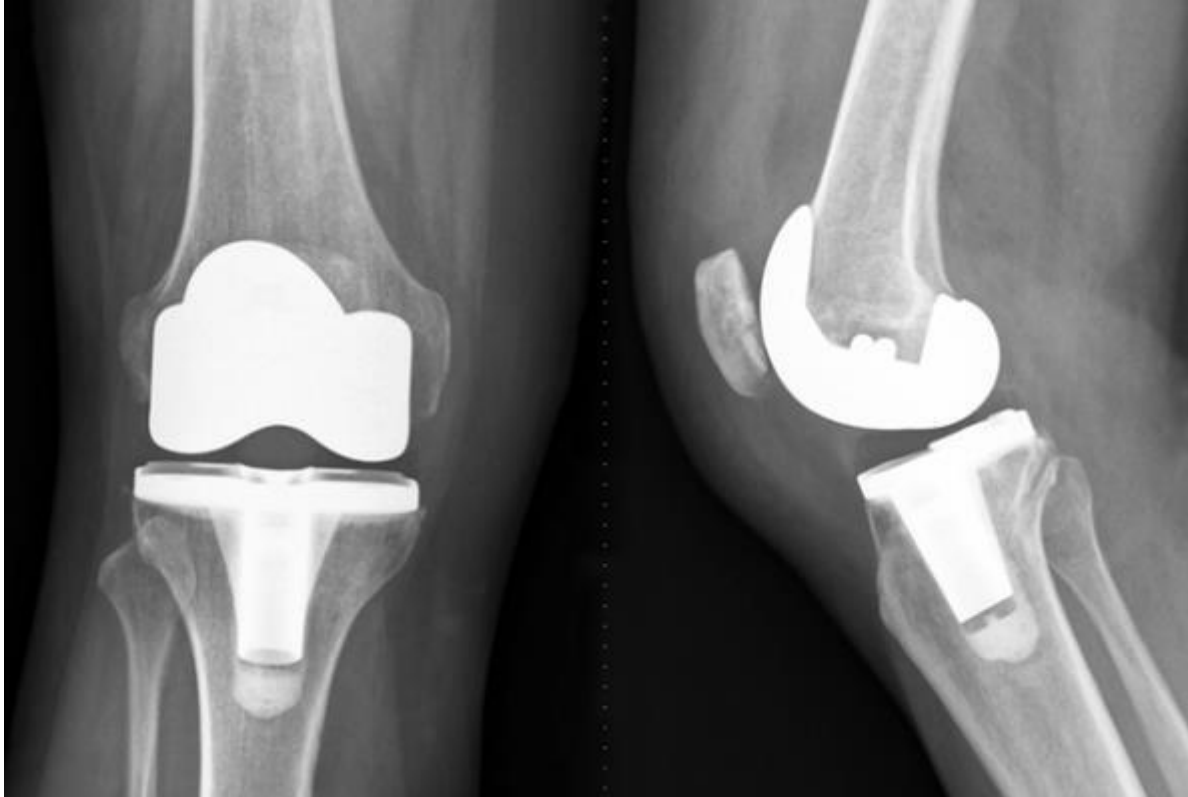
High prevalence, 4 Mio in US with end-stage disease (→ total knee replacement)  
Estimated risk of 7-10% being in need of TKR throughout life

**Tissue Engineering  
Lecture (L5)**





# Total Knee Replacement



Analogous to THA – Replacement of both joint surfaces (Femur&Tibia)

# Animation of procedure (after bone preparation)

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXXPKWCBqYk>

## Surgery Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H9NrKyIKMIY>

95% success rate with duration up to 10-15 years  
Long rehabilitation (3 months) – invasive surgery  
Complications similar to hip endoprosthesis (“bad”  
biomechanics)

# Many designs possible



Quelle: [www.zimmergermany.de](http://www.zimmergermany.de)

Standard design



Quelle: [www.zimmergermany.de](http://www.zimmergermany.de)

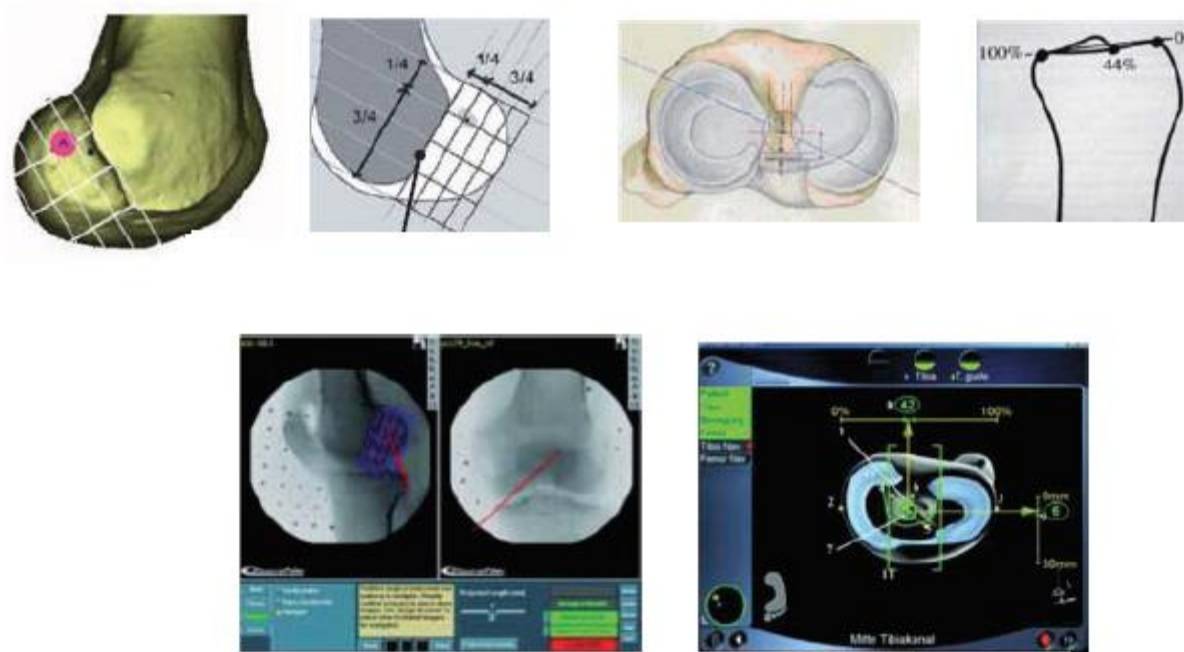
High movement



Quelle: [www.zimmergermany.de](http://www.zimmergermany.de)

Bone ingrowth

# Research ongoing



## Computer-supported implant planning and guided surgery

Biomechanics of joint loading

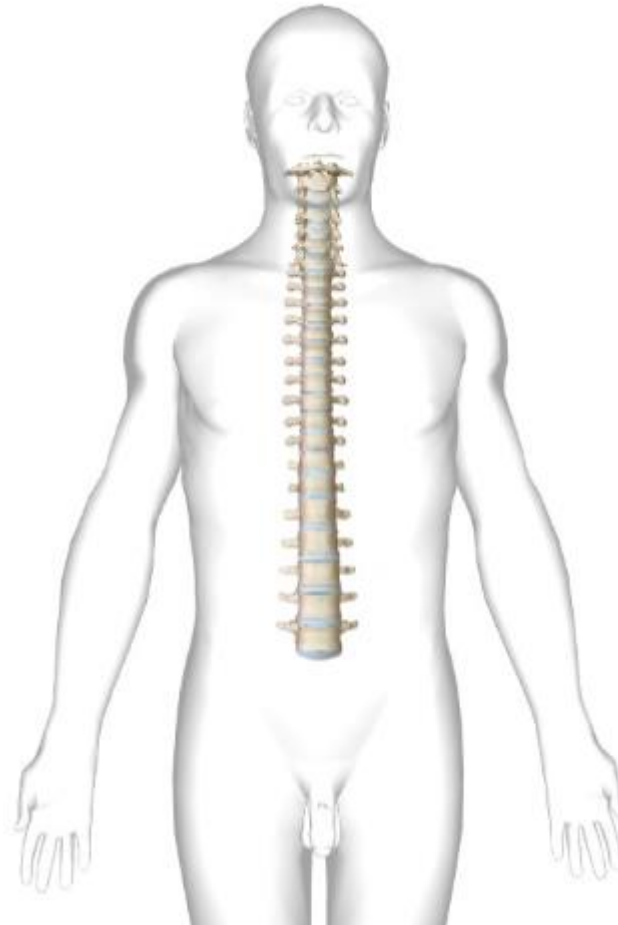
New materials and implant designs...

# Questions?

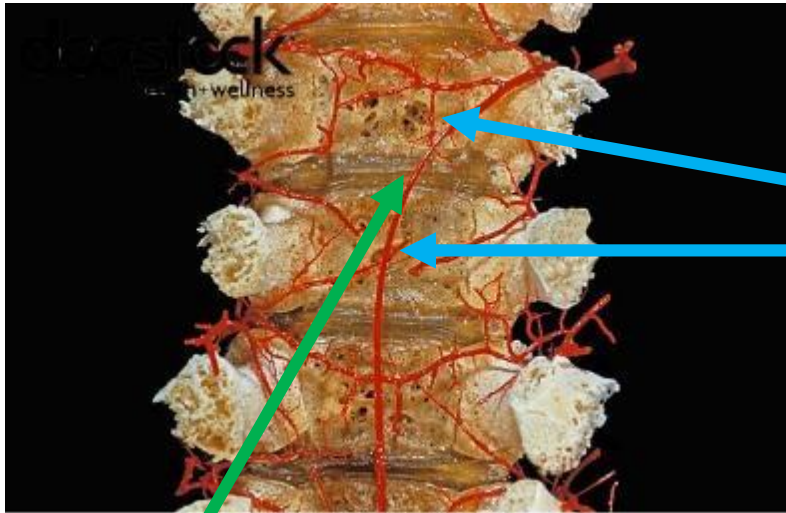
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# Spine anatomy



# Vertebral joint



Vertebrae

Intervertebral disc

4 regions

Stabilization of body and shock absorbance

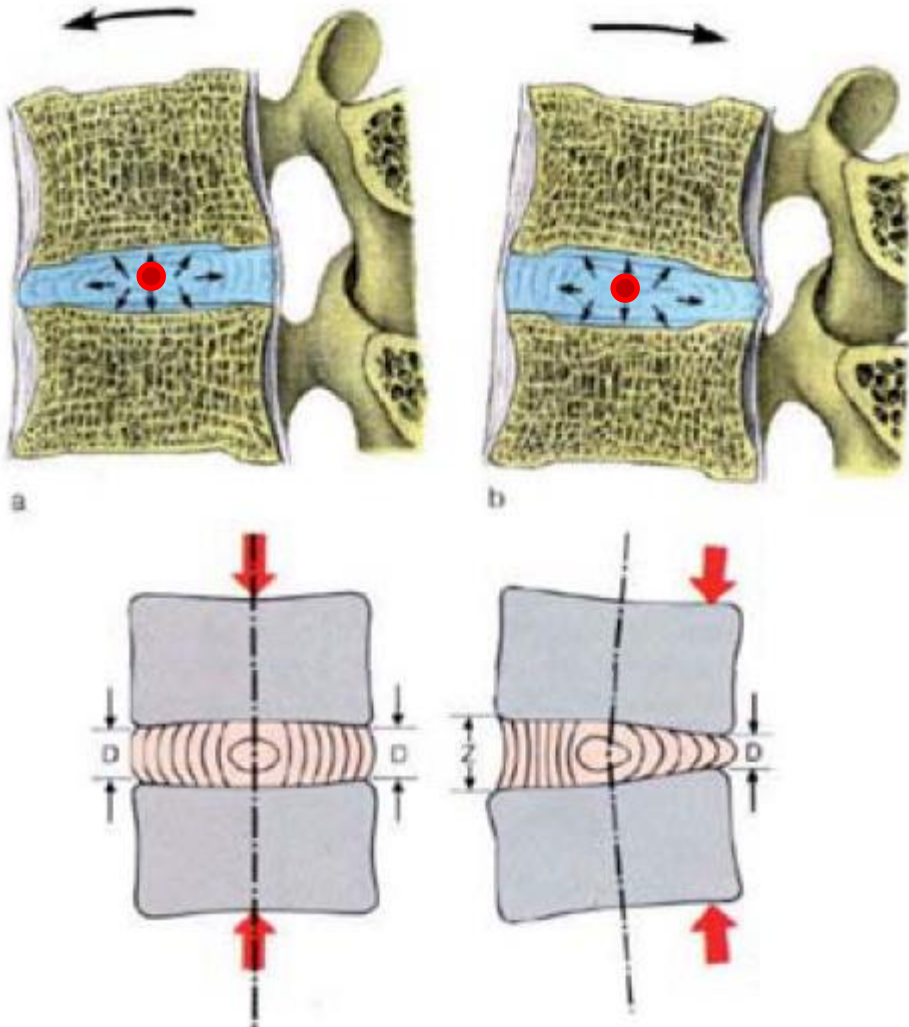
**Two Vertebrae** and **one intervertebral disc** create one functional unit



Problems most often with L4 and L5



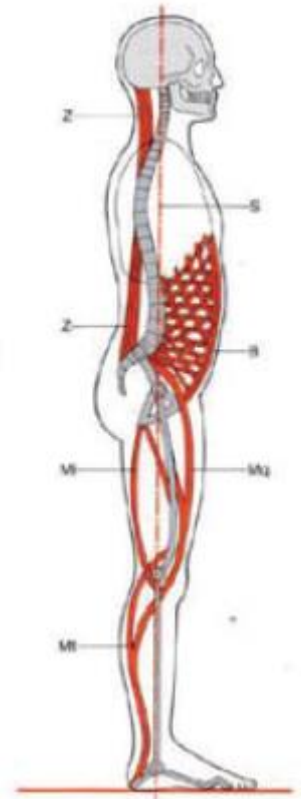
# Joint kinematics



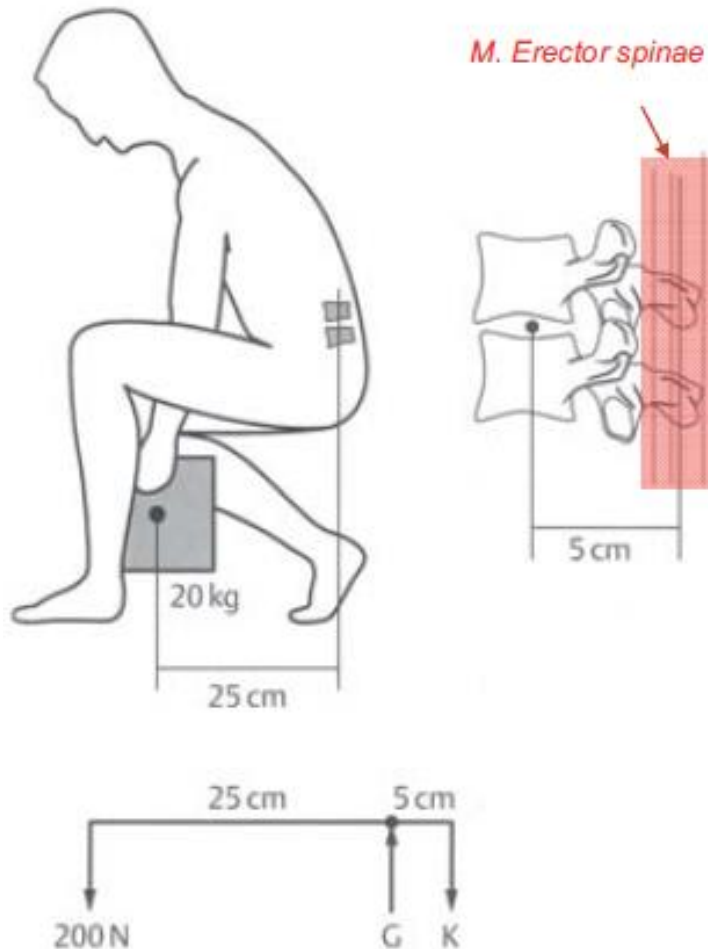
Center of rotation  
approx. in center of disc

+/-10° flexion/extension

Spinal muscles and  
abdominal muscles  
involved



# Joint stresses during 20 kg lift



In vivo (dynamic case) much higher  
4000-6000N → 2.3 MPa (car tire 0.2 MPa)

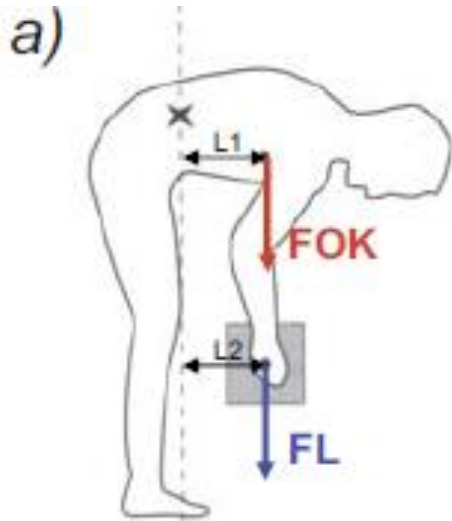
$$\sum M = 0 = -K \cdot 5 + 200 \cdot 25$$

$$\Rightarrow K = 1000[N]$$

$$\sum F = 0 = G - 200 - K$$

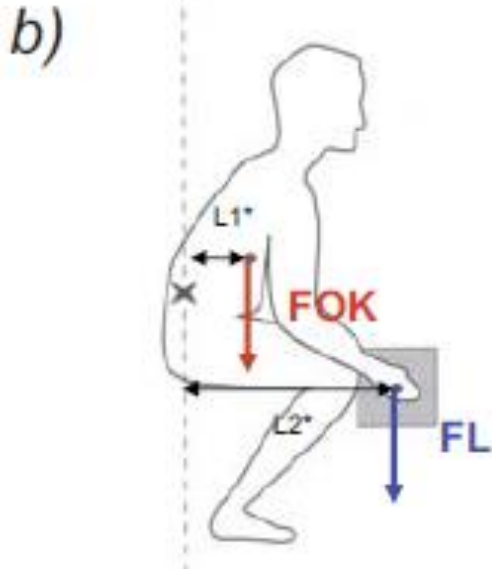
$$\Rightarrow G = 1200[N]$$

# Lifting strategy



Compression of vertebral discs minimal

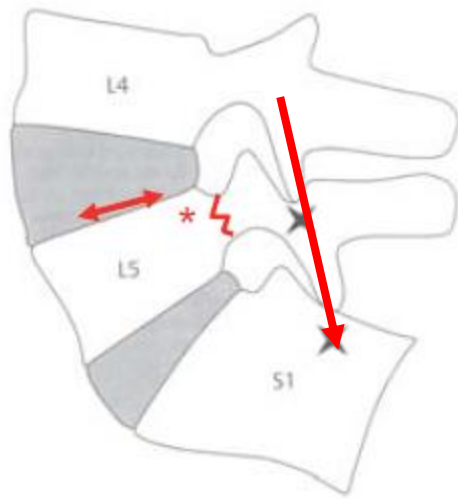
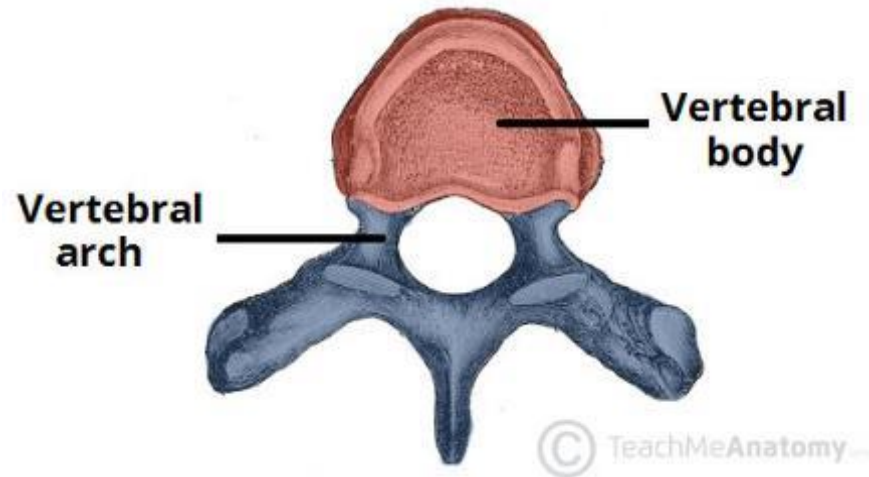
a) if  $FL \gg FOK$  (heavy weight, light person)



b) if  $FL < FOK$  (heavy person, light weight)

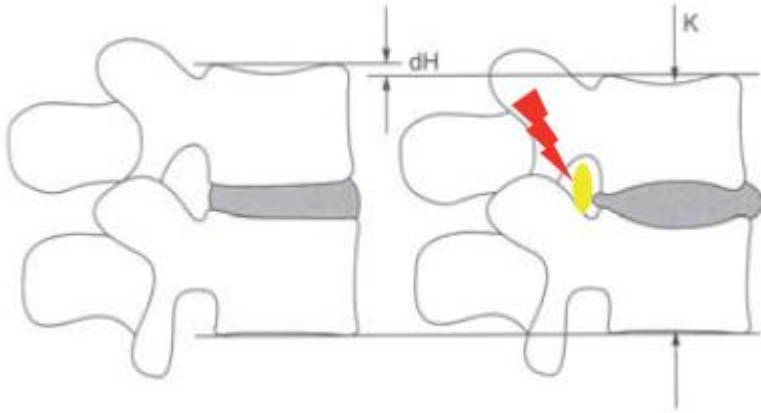
Stress in knee joints!

# Pathologies – Fracture of vertebral arch



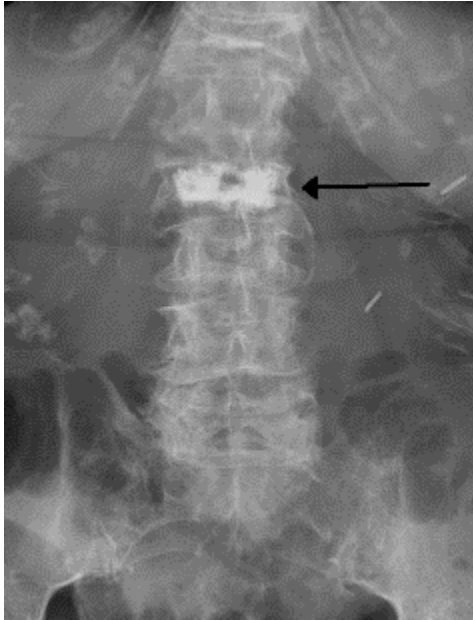
Bone stiffness much higher than vertebral disc and tendon/muscle stiffness → force translated through bones → Fracture possible

# Spinal disc herniation

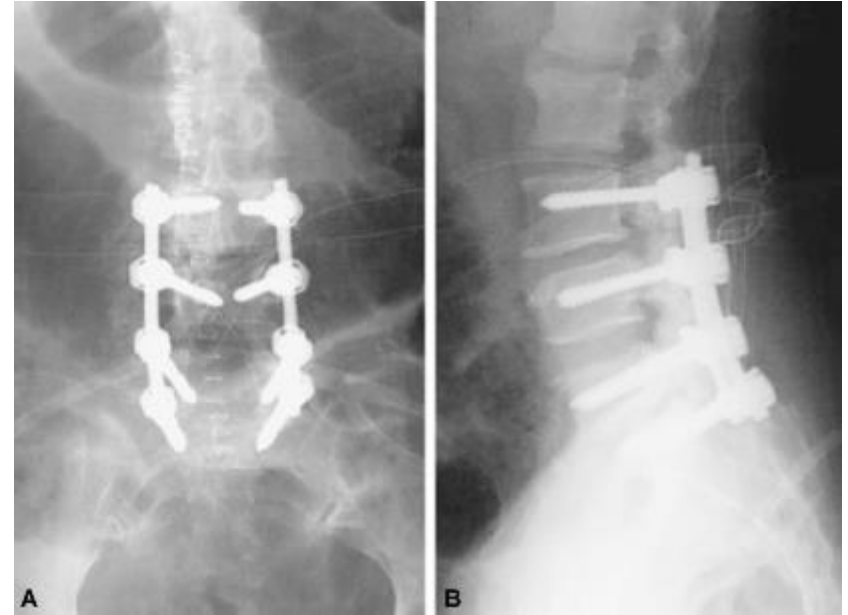


Age related material degradation and axial stresses lead to irreversible material deformation and tear → reduction of function, inflammation, back pain

# Treatment options



**Kyphoplasty/Vertebroplasty:**  
Injection of cement to reduce  
compression of vertebrae



**Spinal fusion:**  
Connection and  
stabilization of several vertebrae

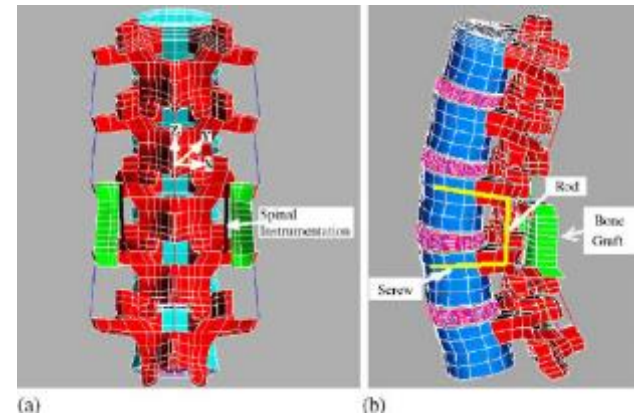
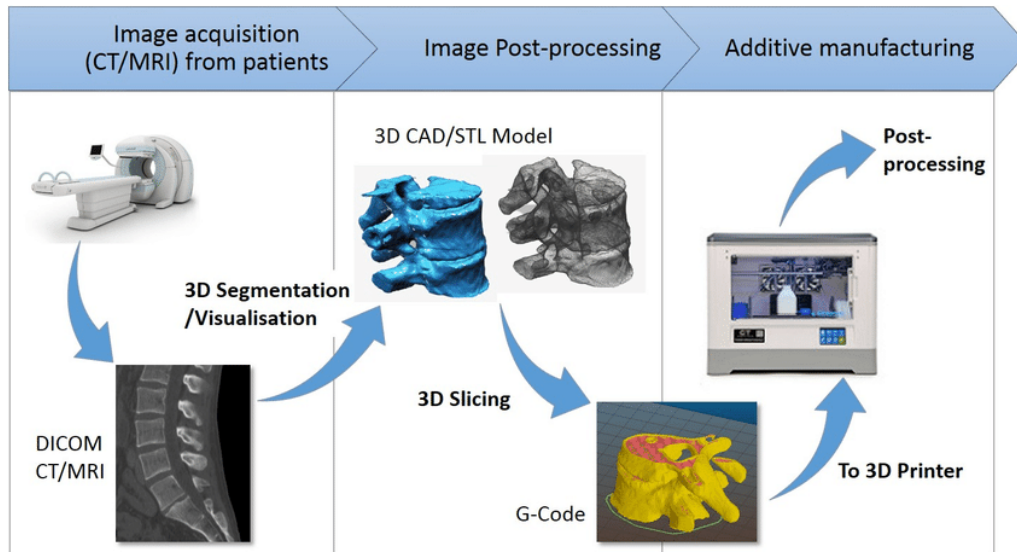
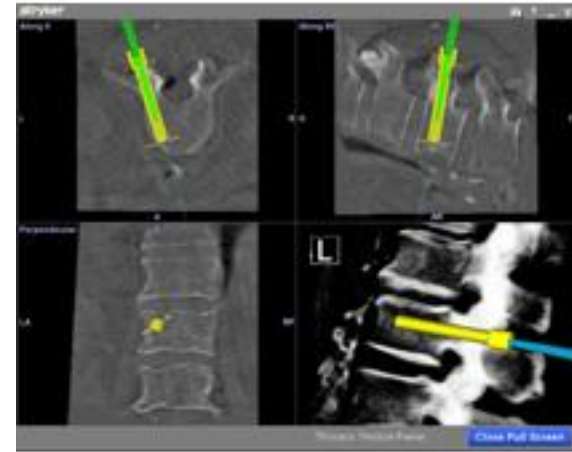
# Vertebral prosthesis





# Research outlook

Computer guided surgery  
Patient specific implants  
FEM studies



# Questions?

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# Summary

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- Bones, muscles, tendons, ligaments and cartilage are important players of each joint. Each with own function and biomechanical properties
- Damage affects biomechanics of joint with self-intensifying consequences
- Age-related material degradation (esp. **cartilage**) results in necessity of joint replacement
- Surgeries in combination with rehabilitation allow function of implants for 15-20 years
- Future steps take patient-specificity, minimal invasiveness and computer-guided surgery into consideration

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